SPEIRS

63084

16th March, 1938

Memo for Mr. MacLellan.

re Speers family

You should have had the notes on this family when you called.

Here they are.

Kindly do not lose any of it and let me have it back as soon as you can.

You can sort out the different branches.

WPB:F

Caledon East - Spurs 630851

Lot 18, Con 1 NE½. 1906 Thos Spurs 100 ac. $ 4550

Lot 5, con 2 E. 1 Jan. 1927 Harvey M. Spurs 100 ac. $3400

W½ lot 17, con 2 E. 28 Feb. 1882. Alex Spurs. 100 ac. $4400

W½. lot 17, con 2 E. 26 Feb. 1884 Thos. Spurs 100 ac. $1.00

lot 8, con 3, E. 25 Feb. 1908. Wm. J. Spurs. E½ 100 ac. $2800 &c.

Son of Richard S. Spurs (see W½, lot 20, con 4 E. Caledon) Married Annie Spurs. 1 son & 1 daughter. Parents living on property.

E & W½'s. lot 13, con 3 E. 12 Mar. 1924 Samuel Spurs. 100 ac E½ $3400
(See W½ lot 14, con 4 E.)

N.E.½. lot 14, con 3 E. 2 Apr. 1884. James Spurs. 100 ac. $2800
Grandfather. (See E.½ lot 16, con 4 E.)

N.E.½ lot 14, con 3 E. 23 June. 1893 John Spurs 100 ac. $5800
Father. (See W.½ lot 14, con 4 E.)

N.E.½ lot 14, con 3. E. 24 Jan. 1928. Murray L. Spurs 100 ac. $1.00 &c.
Son. (See W½, lot 14, con 4 E.)

N.E.½ lot 16, con. 3 E. 1 Feb. 1869. Jas. Spurs 100 ac. $2500
(Saw-mill on N.E. corner 1877) (See E.½ lot 16, con. 4 E.)

Caledon East

Spears

N.E. 1/2 lot 16, con 3E. 6 Feb. 1883 Sam. Spears 100ac $600.
(See E 1/2 lot 18, con 6E.)

lot 17, con 3E. 6 Mar. 1872. James Spears N.E. 1/2 100ac. $2401
(See E 1/2, lot 16. con 4E.)

lot 17, con 3E. 23 Mar. 1888 Jas. Spears Jr. N.E. 1/2 100ac. $200.
Son of James.

E. 1/2 lot 21, con 3E. 29 Oct. 1841. Alex. Spears Sr. All £43.13
Native of Ireland. Settled in 1841. Spiers
Farmer. Have picture of him & his wife, Margaret McGuire.
Came from Co. Armagh Ireland. has 6 sons & 4 daughters.
Parents dead & buried in St. John's Ang. Cem. Mona Twp.

E. 1/2 lot 21, con 3E. 18 Feb. 1892. Henry Spears. E. 1/2 $1.4C.
Son of Alex. Sr. Married Mary Glassford. 1 son & 1 daughter.
He is dead & buried in Forest Lawn, Orangeville, and she is living on property.

W 1/2. lot 21, con. 3E. 28 May. 1894. Alex Spears. 100ac. $3225.4C
Son of Alex. (see E 1/2 lot 15 con 6E.) Married Eliza A. Armstrong. 4 sons and 3 daughters. She is dead & buried in Forest Lawn Cem. Orangeville and he is living in Hillsburg.

Caledon East

Spears

W 1/2. lot 21, con 3 C. 31 Aug. 1915. Henry Spears pt. $500
(Same as on C 1/2)

W 1/2 lot 21, con 3 C. 7 Aug. 1930. Gordon Spears. pts.
Son of Henry. Yeoman. now living on property.

E. 1/2 lot 23. con 3 C. 11 Nov. 1880 Alex Spears 100ac. $2000
(See W 1/2 lot 21, con 3 C.)

E. 1/2. lot 23. con 3 C. 18 Jan. 1886. Wm. Spears 100ac. $1.00
Brother of Above. Married Sarah Purdon. 4 sons + 2 daughters
Parents both living on property.

E. 1/2. lot 24, con 3 C. 10 Jan. 1894. Wm. Spears. E. 1/2 $1900.
(see E 1/2. lot 23, con 3 C.)

lot 8. con 4 C. 4 Dec. 1899 Wm J. Spears Pt. W 1/2 $2608 c.
Now living on E. 1/2 lot. con 3 C. Caledon

W 1/2. lot 14, con 4 C. 28 Nov. 1883. Samuel Spears 50ac. $2447
Son of James (see E. 1/2 lot 16, con 4) Married Jane McFarlane
1 son + 1 daughter. Now living on the E 1/2. lot 13, Con 3 C.

W. 1/2. lot 14, con. 4 C. 2 Apr. 1884. James Spears Jr. 50ac. $2800.
Son of James (see E 1/2 lot 16. con 4. C. Married Annie Cunnington. 1 son + 3 daughters
Both parents living on property.

Speers

W½, lot 14, con 4 C. June 23, 1893 John Speers 50ac. $3800
Son of James. Married Sarah Rebecca Cunnington 1 son & 1 daughter. Parents both living on (C½ lot 14, con 3 C)

W½, lot 14, con 4 C. 8 Feb. 1894. Jas. Speers Jr. 50 ac. $2475

C½, lot 14, con 4 C. 1 May 1918 Alex. B. Speers 100 ac. $1750
Son of Richard. (see W½ lot 20 con 4 C.) married a Miss Benson. 7 sons & 1 daughter. Parents living on the property.

W & C½. lot 14, con 4 C. 24 Jan. 1928 Murray L. Speers. 50 ac. N W¼ $1.4 c.
Son of John. Married Edith Lillian Green. 1 son & 1 daughter. Parents living.

W & C½ lot 14, con 4. C. 20 Apr. 1929. John C. Speers & N C½
Sons of Alex. D. Speers. Norman A " 100 ac. $1.00

W½. lot 15. con 4, C. 1 Mar. 1911. Jas. Speers. 100 ac. $3800
Son of James (see W½ lot 16, con 4)

W½ lot 15. con 4 C. 28 Jan. 1916 Harvey M. Speers. 100 ac. $1.00
Son of above. Married Isabella Hansford. 3 sons & 1 daughter. Both living on the property.

Spurs

E½, lot 15, con 4E. 1 May 1918. Alex. D. Spurs SE¼ $10,750.
See E½ lot 14, con. 4E.

E½ lot 15, con 4E 20 Apr. 1929 John E. Spurs & Norman A. Spurs. 50ac. $1.00

E½ lot 16 con 4E. 25 May 1848 Jas. Spurs. All £112.10
NE. cor. occupied by Wm. Anderson. 1859. Son of Thomas Sr. (see E½ lot 15, Con 6E.) came from Ireland with his parents. Married Eliza McCallum. 7 sons & 5 daughters. Parents both dead & buried in St. Andrews.

E½ lot 17, con 4E. 20 Mar. 1913 Frederick Spurs 100ac. $5000.
Son of Alex D. (see W½ lot 17, con 5.)

lot 19, con 4E. 12 Jan. 1904. Jas. Spurs Jr. 50ac. $700
(See E½ lot 16, con 4E.)

lot 19, con 4E. 14 Nov. 1912. Richard Spurs 50ac. $700
(See W½ lot 20, con 4E)

NE¼ lot 20, con 4E 4 Oct. 1898 Alex. D. Spurs. 100 ac. $3600
(See E½, lot 14, Con 4E.)

Caledon East

Spears

S.E. 1/4, lot 20, con 4 C. 4 Oct. 1898 Alex D. Spears 100 ac. $3600
(See C. 1/2 lot 14, con 4 C.)

S.E. 1/4 lot 20, con 4 C. 25 Sept. 1917. Mervin Spears 100 ac. $1 c.
son of Alex D. Married Theresa Davis. 1 daughter.

W 1/2 lot 20, con 4 C. 5 July 1856. Richard Spears 100 ac. £100
Came from Co. Armagh Ireland to above mentioned lot. Yeoman. Married Jane Duke. 4 sons + 4 daughters. Parents are dead, and buried in St. John's (Arg Lim) Mono twp.

W 1/2 lot 20, con 4 C. 29 Dec. 1897 Richard Spears Jr. 100 ac.
Son of Richard Sr. Married Nellie Hilkinson. 3 sons + 3 daughters. Parents now living on property.

lot 21, con 4 C. 16 Mar. 1863. Robt. G. Spears S.E. 1/4 £100
Brother of Richard (see W 1/2 lot 20, con 4 C.) came from Co. Armagh Ireland to here. Married Margaret Skelton. 3 sons + 3 daughters. They later moved to Western Canada.

lot 21, con 4 C. 16 Mar. 1863 Alex Spears W 1/2 £250
Brother of Richard (see C. 1/2 lot 21 con 3 C.).

lot 21, con 4 C. 12 Jan. 1871. Robt. G. Spears 50 ac. $800
Same as above.

Caledon East

Spurs

lot 21, con 4C. 30 March 1903 Alex M. Spurs NE¼ $4600
Son of Alex Sr. (see E½ lot 21, con 3C) Married Agnes Hill
4 sons & 4 daughters He is dead & buried in Forest Lawn Cem
Orangeville & she is living here.

lot 21, con 4C. 27 Jan. 1919. Robt A. Spurs. NE¼ $1100. & c.
Son of Alex M. Married Lillie McKinnon. 6 daughters.
Parents living on property.

Lot 21, con 4C. 29 Apr. 1919. Richard Spurs. Pt N½ $500
Brother of Alex. M. Married Sarah Holmes. 6 daughters.

lot 22, con 4C. 14 Oct. 1876. Robt. Spurs. N½. 100 ac. $2600
Son of Alex Sr. Married Mary Cummings. 4 sons & 2 daughters
Parents are buried at Mona Ang. Cem.

lot 22, con 4C. 1 Feb 1882. Alex Spurs Jr. 72 ac. $1000
Son of Alex Sr. (see NE¼ lot 21, con 4C)

lot 22, con 4C. 15 Mar. 1909 Henry Spurs 100 ac. $2500
Son of Alex Sr. (E½ lot 21, con 3C)

lot 22, con 4C. 24 Jan. 1919. Orval J. Spurs NE¼ $1.00
Son of Alex Jr. Married Mabel Grlon. 2 sons & 1 daughter.
Parents are living on property.

Caledon East

Spurs

Lot 22, con 4 C. 27 Feb. 1919 Orval J. Spurs S.C. 1/4 - -

lot 22, con 4 C. 7 Aug. 1930 Gordon Spurs N 1/2. --
Son of Henry. (see C 1/2 lot 21, con 3 C.) Yeoman.

W 1/2, lot 23, con 4 C. 25 Jan. 1876. Robt. Spurs et al 50ac. $1000
(See N C. 1/2 lot 22, con 4 C)

W 1/2. lot 23, con C. 20 June, 1877. Alex Spurs pt. $200
Son of Alex Sr. (see N C. 1/4 lot 21, con 4 C)

W 1/2, lot 23, con 4 C. 9 Feb. 1909 Alex D. Spurs 100ac. $3150
(see C 1/2, lot 14, con. 4 C.)

~~W 1/2 lot 17, con 5 C. 22 June 1842. Thos. S~~

W 1/2 lot 17, con 5 C. 20 Mar. 1913. Wesley G. Spurs all $5000
Son of Alex. (see S W. 1/4. lot 18, con 5 C.)

lot 18, con 5 C. 20 Mar. 1913 Wesley G Spurs S.W. 1/4. $5000
Son of Alex D. Spurs. (see W 1/2 lot 15 con 6 C.) Yeoman,
Living together batchelor.
lot 18, con 5 C. 20 Mar. 1913 Frederick Spurs. N.W. 1/4. $5000
Son of Alex D. Spurs (see W 1/2, lot 15 Con 6 C.) Yeoman, Batchelor.

Caledon East

Speers

Lot 19, con 5 C. 14 July 1914 Alex D. Speers N.H. 1/4 $300
(see N 1/2 lot 15 Con 6 East)

Lot 19, con 5 C. 25 Sept 1917 Elgin L. Speers N.H. 1/4 $1.00 ac.

Lot 19. con 5 C. 16 Apr. 1924. Norman Speers pt N 1/2 50 ac. $500
son of Alex D. Speers. Yeoman. bachelor.

Lot 19, con 5 C. 29 Jan. 1932. John C. Speers. pt N 1/2 50 ac. $1.00
Son of Alex D. Married Doreen Dairs. (Now living on property.

N 1/2. lot 20, con 5 C. 7 Jan. 1890 Alex Speers. 100 ac. $2700
Son of Richard (see N 1/2 lot 20 Con 4 C.) Married Margaret Benson. 7 sons & 1 daughter. Parents living on (C. 1/2 lot 14. con 4. C.)

N 1/2. lot 20, con 5 C. 25 Sept 1917. Elgin L. Speers 100 ac. $1.00 ac.
son of above. (see C 1/2 lot 15, con 6 C.

N 1/2 lot 20, con 5 C. 16 Apr. 1924 Mervin Speers N 1/2 $2200
Son of Alex. Married Teresa Davis. 1 daughter. Parents living on the (C 1/2, lot 20, con 4 C.)

Speers

W½, lot 21, con 5C. 30 Mar. 1903 Alex M. Speers. 50ac. $4600.
Son of Alex Sr. (see C½, lot 21, con 3C) Married Agnes Hill. 4 sons & 3 daughters. He is dead & buried in Forest Lawn Cem. Orangeville and his widow is on the farm.

W½, lot 21, con 5C. 27 Jan. 1919. Robt. A Speers NW¼ $100. & c
Son of Alex M. Married Allie McKinnon. 6 daughters.

W½ lot 22, con 5C. 30 Nov. 1829. Wm Speers All £25.

W½ lot 22, con 5C. Wm Speers in the 1837 Directory as inhabitant or W.W.

Lot 23, con 5C. 8 Dec. 1893. Alex Speers Sr. NW½ 100 $3470
Son of Thos. Speers (see C½ lot 5, con 6C) Married Mary Jane Rhelton. 4 sons & 4 daughters. Parents died and buried in St. John's Cem. Mono Twp.

Lot 23, con 5C. 15 June, 1900 James Speers NW½ 100 $1.00
Son of Alex Sr. Yeoman, batchelor. living here.

C½, lot 24, con 5C. 8 Feb. 1898 Thos. Speers NE¼ $1600
Son of James (see C½ lot 16, con 4C) Married Margaret Cunnington 3 sons & 1 daughter. Parents are (~~living~~) dead & buried in Forest Lawn Cem. Orangeville.

Spears

E & W pts. lot 14, con 6 E 1 Apr. 1924 Elgin L. Spears. N½ W¼ $7150
Son of Alex Sr. Married Gladys Vaery (see E½ lot 15 con 6

E & W pts. lot 14, con 6 E 17 May 1931. Alex D. Spears N½ W¼ 50ac. $5500
(see W½, lot 15, con 6 E)

E & W pts. lot 14, con 6 E 27 Aug. 1931. David R. Spears N½ W¼ 50ac --
(see W½ lot 15, con 6 E)

E½ lot 15, con 6 E 4 Aug. 1831. Thos Spears Sr. All £62.10
Occupied in 1859 by Alex Spears in 1877. Born in Co. Armagh Ireland Came to Canada with his wife. 6 sons & 5 daughters Parents died & were buried in St. John's Ang. Cem. Mona twp. Co. of Dufferin

E½, lot 15, con 6 E 10 Dec. 1907 Mary J. Spears et al. E½
Widow of Alexander Spears. Was Mary J. Hamilton. 4 sons & 4 daughters. Parents died & buried in St. John's Church Cem. Mona twp.

E & W½'s lot 15, con 6 E. 1 Apr. 1924 Elgin L. Spears. Pt W½ 75ac. $7150
Son of Alex D. Spears. Married Gladys. Vaery. 1 son & 2 daughters He is dead & buried at Caledon East Public Cem. & his widow resides on the farm.

Caledon East

Spurs

E & W pts lot 15, con 6 E. 1 May 1931 Alex D. Spurs 75 ac
Son of Richard see (W 1/2 lot 20, con 4 E.) Pt W 1/2 $3500
Married Margaret Benson. (daughter of Adam Benson)
7 sons + 1 daughter. Parents living on the property.

E & W pts. lot 15. con 6 E. 27 Aug. 1931. David R. Spurs 75 ac.
Son of above. Yoman. batchelor living on property. Pt W 1/2

E 1/2, lot 17, con 6 E. 1 Apr. 1897. Samuel Spurs Pt E 1/2 50 ac. $4100
(see E 1/2 lot 18, con 6 E.)

E 1/2, lot 18, con 6 E. 1 Apr. 1897 Samuel Spurs Pt E 1/2 50 ac. $4100
Son of James (E 1/2 lot 16. con 4 E.) Married Jane McFarlane
1 son + 1 daughter. Parents now living on the (E 1/2 lot 13, con 3 E.)

Caledon West

lot 6, con 6. W. 5 Nov. 1928 Ernest Spurs W 1/2 $2800

Caledon Twsp

Speirs

Lot 3, con 6 Tr. 24 Apr. 1926 Henry J Speirs N½ of E½ $6000

N.Tr.¼, lot 4, con 6 Tr. 24 Apr. 1926 Henry J Speirs E½/100 ac. $6000

lot 21, con 6 Tr. 30 Jan 1859 Johnston Speirs NE½ $3000
Never lived here but in Erin.

lot 21, con 6 Tr. 1 Mar. 1866 Johnston Speirs. NE½ $400
Never lived here but in Erin.

lot 21, con 6 Tr. 8 Feb 1898 John Speirs NE½/100 ac. $2000
Son of Johnston. Married Ann Jane Scott, 2 daughters Bella & Garfield. He is buried in Erin Cem.

lot 21, con 6 Tr. 26 Oct 1903 N J Speirs NE½ --

Albion Twp.

E½, lot 38, Albion 1. 6 Jan. 1892 Margaret Speirs NE¼ 50 $3000

E pt. lot 39, con 1. 6 Jan. 1892 Margaret Speirs E½ 62. $3000

Albion Township

Spears:

lot 32, con 1. 29 Oct. 1875. Alexander Spears S½ 50 $900

lot 32, con 1. 7 Feb. 1893. Alexander Spears S½ 50 less 2 $7.00

Albion Twp.

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Spurr

S½ N½ lot 7, con 5, 15 Nov. 1899. Peter H. Spurr N½ 100
Came from Chinguacousy. Married Euphemia $4050
McKenzie. 3 boys & 2 girls living on farm.

S¼ lot 8. con 5. 30 Oct. 1915 Peter H. Spurr S½ 50 Vesting Order.

S¼ lot 8, con 5. 3 Dec. 1915 Euphemia L. Spurr. S½ ¼ $.

Albion Twp.

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Spure

E ½ lot 8, con 4. 1 Apr. 1929. Howard Spure E ½ 100 $10000

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Toronto East

Speers

S.W.½ lot 7. con. 3. 2 April 1900 John Speers NW¼ 80 ac. $6300.

SW½ lot 8. lot 8, con. 3, 2 April 1900 John Speers All $630

Chinguacousy West

W½ lot 16, con. 2 W. 26 Jan 1866 Jacob Speers W½ $3400.
Was a cattle buyer in Chinguacousy.
Would purchase large droves of cattle in Owen Sound district and drive them from there to Toronto. From 200 to 300 at one time, taking several days. Sunday School Superintendant in 1870's at Home Church. a son Allan.

lot 13, con. 6 25 Mar. 1872 Arch. Speers 200 ac. $12000.

lot 14, con. 6 25 Mar. 1872. Arch. Speers 200 ac. $12000.

Caledon East

~~NE½ Lot 18, con. 1. C. 2 April. 1906 Thos. Speers E½ 100 ac. $4530~~

Speirs

King East

Lt 15 pt. con. 2E 17 Nov. 1875 Mary Speirs 33½ ac. $500

lot 15, con. 2E 28 Mar. 1882 Peter Speirs 33½ ac. $200.0

E+W½ lot 16, con. 2E 1 Apr. 1914 Emily A. Speirs 50+35 ac. $4100.

N½ lot 4, Con 6, C. 26 July, 1910 Joseph L. Speirs 100 ac. $5825
Son of Wm. of N½, lot 20. con 4. Married Miss Wilkinson. Moved to N½. lot 20. Con. 4.

NE½ lot 11, Con. 5 21 Mar. 1908 Joseph L. Speirs E½ 100 ac. $5500.

lot 26, con. 5. 28 Jan. 1835 Patrick Speirs 200 ac.
Cousin of Patrick Speirs of E½, lot 19 Con. 3E L 173.

Chinguacousy East

Spurs

N 1/2 lot 20, con 4 E. 17 Mar. 1835 Patrick Spurs E of N 1/2 200 ac £200.
Dec. 26, 1876 Paid Johnstone Kennedy $25 for bridge.

N 1/2 lot 20, con 4 E. 27 Jan. 1880 Wm. Spurs Sr. N 1/2 100 ac $1000

N 1/2 lot 20, con 4 E. 25 May 1892 Wm. Spurs jr. N 1/2 100 ac $1.00
Cousin of Peter above. Son of Wm. Sr.

N 1/2 lot 20, con 4 E. 9 Dec. 1893 Wm Spurs jr. N 1/2 100 ac. $1.00

S. N 1/2 lot 21, con 4 E. 30 June 1850 Wm. Spurs 49 ac. £250.

S N 1/2 lot 21, con 4 E. 25 May 1892 Wm Spurs jr. 50 ac. $1.00

S. N 1/2 lot 21, con 4 E. 9 Dec. 1893 Wm Spurs Sr. 50 ac. $1.00

S N 1/2 lot 21 con 4 E. 16 Nov. 1894 Wm Spurs 50 ac. $500

Chinguacousy East

Speirs

E½ lot 19, con 3, 21 Mar 1835 Patrick Speirs 80 ac.
Came from Scotland with his wife & one son Adam James & Robt. Parents buried in Mayfield Presb. Cem.

E½ lot 19, con 3, 9 Nov 1861 Robt Speirs 80 ac.
Son of Patrick, married 4 sons Peter, Alex, Robt & Adam, 1 dau Mary. She is buried in Mayfield & he moved to Sunnydale, Stayner Post.

E½ lot 19, con 3, 4 Nov 1878 Janet Speirs 80 ac. $8500.
Janet Scott, 2nd wife, married to Wm. Speirs son of Patrick. 3 sons Wm, John, Henry. Parents buried in Mayfield Pres. Cem.

E½ lot 19, con 3. 25 May 1892 John Speirs 80 ac. $1.
Son of Wm. m. Martha Gray 5 sons & 4 dau. He is buried in Mayfield Cem. & she is living on property.
Refer to Peter Speirs, Brampton, for above.

E½ & W½ lot 19, con 3, 2 Feb 1920 Archd Speirs E½ $1.
Son of John. m. Mary Archdekin 4 dau. Parents living on property.

lot 20, con 3. 19 Nov. 1834 Patrick Speirs S½ of E½ £600.
Presby. church (½ pt) see E½, lot 19, con 3 E.

lot 20, con 3, 9 Nov. 1861, Robert Speirs S.E¼ 5/
See E½, lot 19, con 3, see pg 76. (church & cem in NE cor. 1877
Native of Scotland, Farmer - 1834

Chinguacousy East

Speirs

Lot 20. con 3. E. 4 March 1878 Janet Speirs S.E.¼ 100ac $2500
Sec E.½. lot 19. con 3 e.

Lot 20, con. 3E. 25 May 1892 John Speirs pt of E½ $1.00
Sec E½, lot 19, con 3E. July 12/97 paid Jos Cunnington $35.00 for repairing bridge. Brother of Wm. Speirs Jr.

Lot 20, con 3E. 2 Feb. 1920 Arch. Speirs S½ of E.½ $1.00
Sec E½ lot 19, con 3E. Son of John.

Caledon East

Speirs

E.½ lot 15, con 4E. 13 Dec. 1856 Jas. Speirs pt. £261.5
Sec E½ lot 14 con 4E.

W½. lot 17, con 6E. 22 Jan. 1842. Thos Speirs 100ac. £37.10
(Sec E.½ lot 15 Con 6E.)

W½ lot 17, con 5E. 10 Apr. 1848 John Speirs 100ac £37.10
Son of above. Married Sarah Kirk. 5 sons & 4 daughters. Parents dead & buried at Palmerston Ont. where they moved to.

Chinguacousy East

Spiers

E. 1/2, lot 18, con 4 E. 15 Mar. 1851 Adam Spiers 100ac. £900

Spiers

E. 1/2, lot 18, con 4 E. 3 Feb. 1874 Peter Spiers 100ac. $1. etc
Son of above, Brampton P.O.
Native of Canada settled 1847. Farmer.

E. 1/2 lot 18, con 4 E. 7 Dec. 1907 John Henry Spiers (dec.) 100ac. $1.00
Son of above.

S.W. 1/2. lot 19. con 4 E. 19 Nov. 1834. Robert Spiers. 100ac. £600

Adam Spiers, - Native of Scotland. - 1834 - Farmer

S.W. 1/2, lot 19. con 4 E. 2 Jan. 1850 Adam Spiers 100ac. £200
Son of Robert.

S.W. 1/2 lot 19, Con 4 E. 19 Mar. 1888 Peter Spiers N 1/2 100ac. $6500
lived on E 1/2, lot 18. Father of R M Spiers

S.W. 1/2, lot 19, con 4 E. 29 Nov. 1902 Adam C. Spiers N 1/2, 100ac $1.00
son.

E. 1/2, lot 20, con 4 E. 9 Nov. 1861 James Spiers E. 1/2 5/
Also 1859

E. 1/2 lot 20, con 4 E. 17 Mar. 1835 Patrick Spiers E 1/2. 100ac. £200
July 3rd. 1876. Johnstone Kennedy $120 for building bridge.

W 1/2 lot 20, con 4 E 2 Jan 1850 Wm Spiers W 1/2 100ac. £200.
Postmaster & Gen. Merchant Mayfield 1859.

E. Jefferys. 33/6/33.
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Twp. of Chinguacousy 8. 63107
Con 4 Lot 18
7. Dec. 1907. 100 ac. acquired for $,
by:
John Henry Speirs.

m. Sarah, dau. of John
McDougall.
Twp. of Chingy 8. Con 1 Lot 26.

Children.
Peter.

Note: Chinguacousy East 63108

N 1/2, Lot 17, Con 4 E. 24

Here was where old Mayfield was situated. It was given its name by a Mr. Wm. Speirs who lived about 1846. He came from a place in Scotland, by that name and hence the name "May Field". He kept a store and office here about that time and it was known as Mayfield P.O. This was a frame building located on the S.E. Corner of the above mentioned lot. Immediately to the north and on the S.W. corner of lot 18, just north of 17 side road, was located the old blacksmith shop run by Mr. Joe McCallghan. This together with a few scattered houses & stables comprised this part of the early village. To day nothing remains of store, shop, or Post Office, and a few old (~~[illegible]~~ tumble down buildings alone mark the sites. (see page 75, con 3 Ching E.)

Twp. of Chinguacousy E.
Con 3 Lot 20.

19 Nov 1834 S½ of E½ bought for £600
by:
Patrick Speirs.

b. Mar. 1787 at Mill of Gryfe, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

m. Mary Ritchie 1809.

b. Nov 2 1787 Brig of Johnston, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

Children: (all born at Mill of Gryfe, Bridge of Weir Scotland)

Patrick: Ching E. Con 5, lot 26.
John: died of cholera at Montreal 6 weeks after arrival in Can.
William: Ching E. Con 4, Lot 20.
Adam: Ching E. Con 4, Lot 19.
James: Ching E. Con 4, Lot 20.
Janet Gibson: m. Thomas Robson & Hugh Craig.
Mary: drowned in mill race, Scotland.
Robert: Ching E. Con 3, Lot 9.
Mary: died at sea.

Family came to Canada in 1834.

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Twp. of Chinguacousy E.
Con 3, Lot 20.
Patrick Speirs (continued)

Also owned.
Twp. of Chinguacousy E.
Con 3. Lot 19 1835 E½ 80ac.
Con 4 Lot 20 1835. 200 ac
also bought whole lot at same time
Con 5. Lot 26. 1835. 200ac.

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Twp. of Chinguacousy E.
Con 4 Lot 20.
9 Nov 1861. E½ acquired for 5/ by:
James Speirs
b. 1818.
s. of Patrick Speirs and Mary Ritchie
Twp. Ching E. Con 3 Lot 20

never married.

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Twp. of Chinguacousy E,
Con 3 Lot 19.

9 Nov. 1861. E½ 50 ac. acquired by:
Robert Speirs.
b. 1829 at Mill of Gryfe, Bridge of Weir,
Renfrewshire, Scotland

S. of Patrick Sr. and Mary Ritchie.
Twp. Ching E. Con 3, Lot 20.

m. Betsey Campbell.

Children 1 dau.

4 sons.

Also owned
Twp of Ching E.
Con 3 Lot 20 NE ¼ 1861

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Twp of Chinguacousy E.
Con 5. Lot 26

Patrick Speirs Jr.
B. 1810 at Mill of Gryfe, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, Scotland.
S: of Patrick Sr. and Mary Ritchie
Twp Ching E Con 3, Lot 20.
Came to Can. 1834 with parents.
His father bought this lot and gave it to him.
M: Elizabeth Lang.
Children:
Elizabeth - m. Robert ~~Shaffer~~ Jeffery — Ching. E. Con 3 Lot 19.
Patrick III ~~Ching~~ E. Con 3 Lot 20
lived with his grandparents on the farm. m. Margaret Hunter.

~~Gave~~ 1½ ac. for Ching. Presby. Ch.

1836. First man buried in Mayfield Presby. Cemetery.

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Surp. of Ching E.
Con 4 Lot 20.
2 Jan 1850 W½ 100 ac bought for
£200 by:
William Speirs:
b. 1814 at Mill of Gryffe, Bridge of
Weir, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

s. of Patrick Sr. and Mary Ritchie
Surp. of Ching E. Con 3 Lot 20.

m. twice
1st wife: Ann Hunter.
Children 1 dau.

2nd wife: Janet Scott.
Surp. Ching E Con 3 Lot 19.
Children: 3 sons.
1 John. Ching E. Con 3 Lot 19.
2 William. Ching E Con 4 Lot 20.
3. Henry.

Store keeper
Post master at Mayfield for over 50 years
Also owned:
Surp Ching E. Con 4 Lot 21 185 0 49 ac.

Buried Mayfield Baby Cem.

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Surp. of Chinguacousy E.
Con 3 Lot 19.
25 May 1892 E½ 80 ac acquired for
$1 by:
John Speirs b. 1855 d. 1918.
s. of William Speirs and Janet Scott.
Ching. E Con 4 Lot 20.

m. Martha Gray. dau of Wm Gray Sr.

Children William - Hamilton, Nev.
Wilmer. - Vet. Sur Sask.
Henry J - Brampton.
Archie - Brampton R1
Almer - Mayfield.
Ernest
- Mrs. Ken. Hunter.
Mrs. Herb. Campbell. Brampton
Mrs. James Wilson Woodstock
Miss Euphemia - at home
Miss Mabel. at home.

Presbyterian
Liberal.
Had a general store Mayfield.
Buried Dixie Cem.

Also owned.
Surp of Ching. E. Con 3 Lot 20. 1892 - $10 of E½.

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Twp of Chinguacousy E. 63116
Con 3 Lot 19.
2 Feb. 1920 E ½ acquired for $1 by:
Arch. Speers.

s. of John Speers and Martha Gray
Ching E. Con 3 Lot 19.

m. Mary Archdekin.

Children: 4 daus.

Still living on the property.

Also owned.
Twp Ching E Con 3 Lot 20. S ½ of E ½

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Twp. of Chinguacousy 6.

Con 3 Lot 19.

4 Nov 1878 E½ 80ac. bought for

$8500. by:

Janet Speirs.

second wife of Wm Speirs.

Ching 6. Con 4 Lot. 20.

Also owned.

Twp of Ching 6. Con 3, Lot 20. SE¼ 50 ac

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Twp of Chinguacousy E.
Con 4 Lot 20.

27 Jan 1880 W½ 100 ac. bought for
$1100 by
William Speirs Sr.
s of Wm. Speirs & Janet Scott.
Ching E. Con 4 Lot 20.

m. 1875 Sarah Cunnington
b. 1853 d 1928.
d. of Joseph Cunnington Mayfield.

buried Brampton Cemetery.

Children: W. G. Ching E Con 4 Lot 20 Brampton.
Joseph Ching E. Con 5 Lot 11 Mayfield.
Henry Brampton.

Celebrated Golden Wedding Mar 1875.

Also owned.
Twp. of Ching E Con 4 Lot 21

E Jeffery. 29/6/33.

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Dep. of Chingacousy E.
Con 5 Lot 11.
21 Mar 1908. E½ 100 ac bought for
$5500 by:
Joseph Speirs:
s. of William Speirs Sr.
Ching E Con 4 Lot 20.

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Twp. of Chinguacousy E.
Con 4 Lot 20.

25 May 1892 W½ 100 ac acquired for
$1 by:
William S. Speirs Jr.
S. of William Speirs Sr. and
Sarah Cunnington
Twp of Ching E. Con 4 Lot. 20

1929. Deputy Reve Brampton

1927. Councillor.

Children: 1 son. Joseph L.
Twp Ching E. Con 6. Lot 4

Also owned
Twp Chingiacousy E.
Con 4 Lot 21. 50 ac. 1892
also bought pt of same lot 1894

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Twp. of Chinguacousy E.
Con 6 Lot 4.

26 July 1910. 100 ac bought for $5825
by:
Joseph L. Speirs
s. of William L. Speirs Jr.
Twp. Ching E. Con 4 Lot 20.
and Sarah Cunrington
m. Miss Wilkinson.

moved to W½ Lot 20 Con 4 Ching E.

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Twp. of Chinguacousy E.
Con 4 Lot 19.
2 Jan 1850 W½ 100 ac. bought for £200
by:
Adam Speirs:
b. 1816.

s. of. Patrick Speirs & Mary Ritchie
Twp. of Ching. E. Con 3, Lot 20.

m. Mary Bleakley, dau. of John
Bleakley and Frances Ensign.

Children: Peter. Ching E. Con 4, Lot 18.
John:
Frances
Mary
Sarah
Janet
Bella
Susan
Rachel
Annie.

1844 Trustee Mayfield Pres. Ch.
1844-54-55,-56, 60-62.
Chairman 1866, 67. & 76-77-79

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Sincy E.

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required for B/etc.

Mary Blakely.

& 1883-5.

Trustee
Secy 18
Warden 1910
Councillor 1901-5. on Chng Council.
1894 Secy treas. Peel Co. Patrons of Industry.
Helped organize Farmers Inst. 1890.
Director for 15 or 20 yrs.
Later president

(forward)

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Twp of Chinguacousy E.
Con 4, Lot 19.
Adam Speirs (Continued)
1848 - Trustee for school board
S.S. #14 Ching. 1848 - 51.
1856. (Feb 28) Lieut. in 7th Bn Peel Militia.

Also owned.
Twp. of Ching. E. Con 4 Lot 18. 100 ac. (1857)

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Twp. of Chinguacousy E. 63124
Con 4 Lot 18.
3 Feb 1874 100 ac acquired for $1 etc.
by:
Peter Speirs.

s. of Adam Speirs and Mary Blakley.
Twp. of Ching E. Con 4 Lot 19.

m. Mary Jeffers, dau of Robt. Jeffers
Ching. E. Con 3 Lot 19

Trustee S.S. # 14 Ching 1883-5.
Secy. 1884-6.
Trustee 1886-90
Secy 1896.
Warden 1910.
Councillor 1901-5. On Ching Council.
1894 Secy-treas. Peel Co. Patrons of Industry.
Helped organize Farmers' Inst. 1890.
Director for 15 or 20 yrs.
Later president

(forward)

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Surf. of Chinguacousy E.
Con. 4 Lot 6
Peter Speers (Continued)
Reuben Ching 1907-09-10.

Also owned.
Surf of Ching E. Con 4 Lot 19 (1888) 9 1/10 ac
Con 2 Lot 14 (1882) 33 1/3 ac.

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Twp. of Chingwacousy C.
Con 4 Lot 19.
19 Nov 1834 W½ 100 ac bought for
£600 by:
Robert Spears.

N.D.

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Surp. of Chenguacousy E.
Con 4 Lot 19.
29 Nov 1902. N½ 100 ac. acquired for
$1 by:
Adam B. Speirs:

N.d.

DIGEST OF INFORMATION RE SPEERS FAMILY FROM THE 63128
INTERVIEW WITH FOSTER LEE CARRUTHERS AND EXCERPTS.

Emma McNeece married Adam B. Speers.

Children

Ingram

Shirley

Adam Speers son of Peter Speers of Mayfield Lot 16, Con. 5, Ching. E. His mother's name before she was married was Blakely I think.
Emma is buried in Brampton.

Ingram Speers married but I don't remember to whom.

Shirley Speers still single teaching school in Grimsby.

Peel R.?

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A. Spiers was one of the Directors of the Peel Seed Growers Co-Operative Limited for 1931, according to a list of officers for that year, filed under CROP file.

Speers

From Toronto Daily Star 63130 46
22 Sept. 1933.

The present officers of Caledon Fair are Gilbert Vanwyck, president; A. C. Speers, and F. Baxter, vice-presidents, and E. E. Wilson, secretary, who are getting things in shape for this year's fair to be held Sept. 27 and 28.

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Obituary - Henry Speirs.

The many friends of Henry Speirs were shocked this morning to hear of the death of so well known a friend.

Deceased has been a resident of Brampton for a number of years and during that time has been well and favorably known by all.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons,. He is a brother of W. J. Speirs, deputy reeve of Brampton.

John Speirs. (Obituary) 63132

A great many of the old residents of Chinguacousy have joined the silent majority during the past three months, among them being John Speirs of Mayfield, who passed away on Friday morning last at the age of seventy years. Mr. Speirs had been ill for the past twelve months, his illness being caused by heart trouble and anemia, the weakness attendant upon the disease increasing until the end came. Mr. Speir's father and mother came from Scotland and settled at Mayfield in 1852, where they were first engaged in farming, afterwards conducting the general store there for many years. John Speirs had lived all his life in the district, having been born near the farm where he settled and where he died, having married Miss Gray, also a resident of Chinguacousy. Only one member of the family survives, William Speirs, a brother, who also lives at Mayfield. Mr. Speirs leaves a family of eleven children, besides his wife, four of them at home, two overseas, and two in the West. Mrs. Herbert Campbell of Brampton is a daughter. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon from Mayfield Presbyterian church, of which the deceased had been a life long member, and interment was made in Dixon's cemetery.

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The Banner and Times July 4, 1918

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Obituary Mr. John Spiers

On Friday last (28th June) Mr. John Speirs one of the best known farmers of East Chinguacousy died. He was in his 64th year and was born on the farm on which he died, lot 20, third line east. Deceased was a son of William Speirs, a pioneer of Mayfield and a well-known man in his day, who was farmer, storekeeper and preacher. The late John Spiers was a lifelong member of Mayfield Presbyterian Church and a Liberal in politics. Mr. Spiers married a daughter of the late Wm. Gray and is survived by her and a family of six sons and five daughters. The sons are Wm. of Manitou, Man.; Wilmer, Veterinary, in Saskatchewan, Henry J. and Archie at the front in France; and Almer and Ernest at home. The daughters are Mrs. Ken, Hunter, Albert; Mrs. Herb Campbell, Brampton; Mrs. James Wilson, Woodstock; Misses Euphemia and Mabel, at home. Mr. Spiers is also survived by one brother William of Mayfield, who is the last of his fathers family. The funeral took place on Monday to Dixon's Cemetery.

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MRS. JOHN McDOUGALL CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Truly Canadian was the gathering of four generations held at the home of Mrs. John H. Speirs, Elizabeth St., Brampton on Saturday evening Feb. 11th, to celebrate the eighty fourth birthday of her mother Mrs. John McDougall. Mrs. McDougall who is still very active both physically and mentally and enjoys excellent health has spent practically all her life in Peel County having been born in Caledon 84 years ago Feb. 10th. She lives with her son Archie, on the farm at Campbell's Cross, where she came as a bride sixty two years ago, her husband being dead almost fifteen years. In the 32 present at the gathering were five of Mrs. McDougall's seven children namely, Mrs. D.J.McEachern, Toronto ; Archie of Campbell's Cross; Mrs. John H. Speirs, Brampton; Mrs. Carter McLeod, Inglewood and Mrs. T.E.Hamilton, Toronto. The grandchildren present were Mrs. Craig McClure, Norval; Mrs. John McCulloch, Snelgrove; Mrs. J.J.Campbell, Cheltenham; Mrs. James Laidlaw, Norval; Jack and Jean Giffen, Alloa; Mrs. George Irvine, Misses Margaret and Jean McEachern, all of Toronto; Misses Marjorie and Margaret and Master Alex McLeod of Inglewood. Two of Mrs. McDougalls four great grand children were present, Master Andrew McClure, Norval and Miss Mary Campbell, Cheltenham.

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Spiers

all lots mentioned here are C51 E

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Archdekin, Peter Lot 17, W½ 4th Con. E. His children (first family) Mrs. Ralph Crawford formerly of Lot 9 W½ Con. E. and (second family) William, Tom. Leo and Austin unmarried, in Winnipeg. William's son Oscar and Daughter Mary live at 312 Clinton Street, Toronto. Tom has a family: James, Stanley, Elgin, Mary and Annie. Elgin is dead and was unmarried. Stanley married, living on lot 18 E½ 4th Con. has about 7 children. Mary married Archie Spiers, has 4 daughters and one son. Annie married Bob Parkinson and lives at Snelgrove. James married, lives on Lot 17, W½ Con. 5 E. has eight children.

Gray, William Chin lot 27, Con. 4 E½ lived here. Had a family: Peter, Joseph, Mrs. John Spiers, Mrs. David Craig and Sam living near Orangeville. Mrs. John Bradley and Mrs. Joseph Bradley of Campbell's Cross.

The Thornton homestead was owned by three other families at various times. The Inglesbys, Greens and Gillespies.

Ingoldsby

Interview with Dr. Thornton. 63136

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Hunter Sam lived on lot 26 E½ 3rd Con. E. His family were: Wm. J., married Sadie Drinkwater, who lives on lot 23, 2nd line W. Hugh married Haines, Cheltenham, living in Collingwood, Ont. W. J. Hunter now living lot 29, E½ 3rd Con. E. Kenneth married Margaret Speirs, daughter of John Speirs just below Mayfield Church. Archie married Martha Armstrong, lives in Collingwood, Ont. Anne married miller Giffen (6 children) Polly married Geo. Campbell lot 27, W½ 4th Con. W. Mabel married Mann Clark.

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FIGHTING DAYS IN PEEL NOW A FIRESIDE MEMORY

Peter Speirs

Peter Speirs is also cited as being one of the strong, silent kind. As a rough and tumble fighter he had few equals, but like Snyder, he waited until he was drawn before he would join battle with any man.

dictaphone,
11 February, 1958

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Peter Speirs and his wife Mary Giffin - Presbyterians -

Mayfield.

dictaphone,
12th Feb. 1958

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"Big Peter" Speirs ~~th~~ lived near Bolton - called "Big Pete"

Spiers

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Ching E.

Peter Spiers lived on E½ of lot 18, 4th Con. on the 4th line (100 acres). He also owned W½ Lot 19, Con. 4 E. which he gave to his son Adam B., and he sold it to Absolm Newm who married a home girl who worked for A.B. Spiers. Newms first rented and then bought the property. Old Peter Spiers now lives in Brampton. R.M. Speirs' father bought this land in 1888. Adam Speirs (lot 19, Con. 4) son of original Robert Speirs came out from Scotland and Peter Speirs is his son, and Adam B. is Peter' s son. Wm. Speirs the chum of my father, is a cousin to the Peter Spiers mentioned above.

A story is told about Hugh Craig when he first came to lot 21, 4th Con. There were no neighbours for miles. One day he heard a rooster crowing and took his axe, followed the direction of the sound and discovered his first neighbour, a Mr. Crombie. Wm. Speirs, my father's chum (lot 20, 4th Con. EO bought S½ of Crombie's farm; Richard Little now owns the N½. Joseph Speirs, Wm.'s son lives on lot 20 W½ 100 ac. Lot 20, E½ 4th Con. E. Andrew and Bridget Doyle lived here. First rented farm and later bought Lot 21 E½ 4 Con. E. and the farm across the road on Lot 21. Had a large family as follows: John, Joe, Jim, Dennis and Larry; Mrs. Riley, Maggie, Mary, Annie and Agnes. Dennis, Larry and Maggie live in the vicinity. Maggie keeps home for Dennis.

Spiers

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Giffen Family lived on 2nd line, lot 19 (R. M. Spiers will know about this family). Robert Giffen married twice. Mrs. Peter Speirs and Mrs. Hawthorne are the 1st family. 2nd wife, (Elizabeth Speirs) ~~(do not know her name)~~ but they had 6 sons and 5 daughters. James, Peter, William, Miller, John and Andrew. Mrs. Hugh Wilkinson and Mrs. Joe Gray and Mrs. John McMicken Mrs. J. Modeland, and Mrs. Poyntz were daughters. Robert Giffen's brother Wm. had a big family. John, Andrew, Robert, Mrs. Alderson and Mrs. Ritchie, and Mrs. R.P. Armstrong.

Armstrong Family James Armstrong took up lot 20, W½ 3rd Con. E. had 5 sons and some daughters. 1-John, 2-George 3-James, 4-Robert P. 5-Henry and 6-Stephen. Robert P. 4 died long ago. He married Agnes Giffen. Their family are: 1 William living near Woodbridge, 2-Mrs. Geo. Wilson, 266 Evelyn Ave., Toronto, 3-Mrs. S. Rutherford, dead, 4-Mrs. Chas. Sheard, Malton.

1--John Armstrong's family. 1 James, 2 Abram, 3 William John, sons. 6 Mrs. William Thornton, 4 Mrs. Robert Griffin and 5-Elizabeth. James Armstrong's family (a) John Robert lives on Lot 22 W½ Con. 5 E. married Laura Kaake, Bolton. Have two daughters Marion and Florence unmarried and (b) Edith married to Alex. Wallace, lives at 159 High Park Avenue, Toronto, and she has one daughter Eleanor. Another daughter(c) Martha-Marion (?) married Archie Hunter living in Collingwood, (2 children, Margaret and Hugh).

(d) Jennie married Andrew Sherman living near Dixie. (3children

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Interview with Mr. Archie McIntyre, Mayfield. 63142

Mayfield Cemetery. Lot 20, 3rd Line East. Chinguacousy.

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Speirs

The first man buried in this cemetery was Pat Speirs, a son of old Pat. He and his brother ~~took~~ Adam a team of oxen and went away over three concessions ~~east~~ west of Brampton to build a log house. They stayed over night at a settler's house, and in the morning, in spite of the fact that he had a cold, went on up into the bush to leave the load of lumber they had, but he had to go into Mr. Little's house, and in a few days was dead from pneumonia. This was in 1836.

Interview with Mr. Archie McIntyre, Mayfield. 63143

Pat. Speirs, lot 26, Con 5 E. Ching. was a son of old Patrick Speirs, one of the pioneer settlers, (on lot 20 Con 4. E. ?) He died when about 26, and was the first man buried in Mayfield Cemetery. He and his brother Adam took a team of Oxen and went away over three concessions east of Brampton to build a log house, hauling the lumber with them. They had to stay overnight some where, and in the morning, in spite of a cold Pat had taken they went on up into the bush to leave their load. He had to go into Mr. Little's house, however, and was dead in a few days from pneumonia. This was in 1836. He left his farm to his son, but the later took to drink and wasted his patrimony till there was nothing left and Abe. Rutherford got it.

Speirs

Peter Speirs, shown on the 1877 map as living on the above property was a nephew of Pat, a son of Adam Speirs. Ask Peter Speirs, of Brampton about this family. They call him Fiddler Pete. He comes into Toronto and plays at the Old Time Fiddler's contests. He and Duncan Little had a contest to see which was the better fiddler once, and Duncan won.

The lumber above referred to that cost Pat. Speirs his life was put into the little log house on my farm, lot 26, Con 5, E., in which I lived for a time. When I was tearing it down I found a white pine board 22" wide and 12 ' long, absolutely clear, not a knot. I was wanting a wheel-barrow and so took this board up to a carpenter in Kilmanagh, and he put this into a wheel-barrow that I have now. It was

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Peter & Eliz Speers are 1st cousins.

They m. Mary Seffen &
Robert Seffen respectively.

Mary was dtr of Robt
by his 1st marriage. Eliz
was Robert's 2nd wife.

Robert Seffen was a
son of James Seffen & Margaret
Miller.

The Conservator June 4, 1925 63145

Obituary Mrs. Peter Spiers

The funeral took place Saturday afternoon to Laurel Hill Cemetery, Bolton, of the late Mrs. Peter Spiers, who passed away on Thursday in her 93rd year. Deceased was the daughter of the late Hugh Hunter, of Chinguacousy, and was born in Toronto, moving into the latter township with her parents when a young girl. She removed to Albion at the time of her marriage, and had resided on the home farm, close to Bolton village, or in the village, ever since. Her husband died 15 years ago, and she leaves six daughters, Mrs. William Gray, Mrs. William Caldwell, Mrs. Annie Goodfellow, Bolton; Mrs. George Mitchell, Islington; Mrs. Fred Maw, Mono Road, Mrs. C. Anderson, Brampton; Miss Janet Spiers, at home, and one son, Peter Spiers ~~xxxx~~ Bolton.

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TORONTO TELEGRAM. AUG. 26, 33.

BRAMPTON

Former Warden Dies At Brampton

Peter Speirs Succumbs To Long Illness

Peter Speirs, former Warden of Peel County, died at his home on Mill st. yesterday, following a lengthy illness. Mr. Speirs, who was in his 87th year, was the son of the late Adam Speirs of Mayfield. He spent the greater part of his life as a farmer in Chinguacousy Township. For some 15 years he occupied various positions on the council of the township, and as reeve was chosen Warden in 1910.

He moved to Brampton 16 years ago, where he spent the remainder of his life. His great hobby was old-time fiddling, of which he was one of the foremost exponents of the county, having taken high honors in competitions at the Canadian National Exhibition. Mr. Speirs was a staunch member of the Presbyterian Church and was Liberal in politics.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Margaret Hannen; two sons, Robert, principal of Withrow School, Toronto, and Adam of Grimsby; two daughters, Mrs. J. Silverthorn, Meaford, and Mrs. W. Glover of Moose Jaw, and two sisters, Mrs. John Cole of Vancouver, and Mrs. C. Irvine, Heathcote.

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Mrs. Peter Speirs

After a short illness, Mrs. Peter Speirs, widow of the late Peter Speirs who was warden of Peel county in 1910, died at her home on Mill street on Friday. Born near Belfast, Ireland, 76 years ago, she was a daughter of the late John C. Crozier, and came to Canada with her parents as a child. Her father founded Manor Farm, near Meadowvale, and Mrs. Speirs was a resident of Toronto Township until she moved to Brampton. Twice married, her first husband was Hugh Hannan, Esq., of Brampton. Mr. Hannan died in 1914, and after several years Mrs. Hannan married Peter Speirs, who predeceased her three years ago. Mrs. Speirs was a cousin of the late Rev. T. W. Noble, of Toronto. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Alma Rankin, Windsor, and Mrs. Hazel Knapton, London; a sister, Mrs. Isaac Davidson, Creswell, and two brothers, Thomas and Andrew, Streetsville.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. THADDEUS INGOLDSBY, 16 Salem Ave., 63148
Toronto, 8 Aug. 1933. MH.

re SPEIRS.

Lot 19, Con. 3, Ching. E.

Adam Speirs, s. of Patrick, d. near Mayfield.

Wm. Speirs, s. of Patrick, d. at Mayfield. He farmed on the 3rd line, where his son is living yet, and retired from farming and kept store at Mayfield.

m. Janet Scott.

Family - William, John, Henry James.

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Visitor to Fair for Seventy-fifth Time

Coming to the first fair to be held here, one of a party of school children, Mr. William Speirs, Mayfield, was one of the large number present at Brampton Fair on Saturday. Eighty-four years of age he took the same delight in walking about the grounds, watching the horse races, and chatting with his many friends, that he did seventy-seven years ago as a boisterous school child, out for a day that he long remembered. Active for a man of his years Mr. Speirs has a record as a fair visitor that will withstand challenge from anybody. He has attended seventy-five fairs held in this town. It is the sincere wish of The Peel Gazette that he may long be spared to enjoy a visit to Brampton Fair in the future years.

Speirs file

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THE OUTER CIRCLE.

On Monday (Aug. 14) about 1 o'clock p.m. a serious fire occurred at William Spies', lot 20, concession 3, East Chinguacousy, which resulted in the complete destruction of his large barn and all his outbuildings, five in number, together with their contents, which consisted of 16 acres of fall wheat, 17 acres of barley, 4 valuable horses, 16 hogs, 50 tons of hay, all his implements and harness; in fact nothing whatever was saved, with such rapidity did the fire gain headway. A threshing machine belonging to a thresher by the name of Sanderson, which was set down ready to commence work that morning, together with all the belting and water tank, was also destroyed. The loss will be over $4,000; insured in the Peel Farmers' Mutual for $1,400. The fire originated in a pea straw stack a short distance from the barns, and is supposed to have caught from a spark from a pipe or someone smoking.

The Conservator Dec. 24, 1925. 63151

Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Spiers.

A half century ago yesterday, Dec. 22, 1875, in the village of Mayfield, lot 20, the marriage was solemnized of Sarah Cunnington and Wm. Spiers. They have resided in the same place during their married life and yesterday at their home Mr. and Mrs. Spiers celebrated the golden anniversary of that happy event, surrounded by their three sons, and many other relatives and friends.

son of Wm

& grandson of Patrick Sr

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shops, tailor, cooperage, planing mill, grist mill, and three general stores. This village to-day has lost both hotels, one store, harness makers, tailor and cooperage shops. This goes to show how little places sprang up for a time and then practically disappeared, Dr. Thornton said.

Dr. Thornton's father, Robert Thornton, was a farmer all his life. He was a man who lived quietly at home, attending to his own affairs. He was a natural born mechanic and had a blacksmith's shop, although he never charged for work done. When he was a young man he would sometimes by away from home for a week at a time, butchering and dressing stock (cattle and hogs). In those days all stock was dressed, and then teamed into the city. Each neighbour would have a "Killing Bee", in turn, and he, being especially adept at this, was very much wanted by all. There was a certain knack and skill and also a certain artistic ability in dressing hogs, and not possessed by all to the same degree.

The general honesty and integrity of the family was widely known through the country and is stressed in the "History of the Family". The grandfather, William Thornton, was Justice of the Peace. Robert was a retiring type of man, and was not interested in Municipal offices, although he was a school trustee, Church Trustee, a Presbyterian and on the Board of Managers. "William Speirs, who lived across from the church, was his one chum. They were school boys

all lots ching. E.

together and close friends until my father's death. Wm. Speirs is still living there. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woods lived across the creek from our old home. They lived on lot 23, W½ of the 4th Con. E. It now belongs to one ofthe Armstrongs, (Archie lives there now)."

My grandfather Wm. Thornton came out from county Monaghan, Ireland, in 1842, and settled at Mayfield with his father, Wm. Thornton Sr., who died in 1850. Wm. Thornton of Ardragh, Ireland came to Mayfield in 1842 and settled there.

William Thornton Sr. and his wife, Anne Bell, lot 22, Con. 3 settled in E½. His son William succeeded him on this farm and the W½ was bought for Robert. The son William bought Robert out and Robert moved to Euphrasia Township. William had two sons, Wm. and Robert. Robert got E½ and William W½. Wm.'s family settled in W½ and Dr. Thornton and Wm. Maxwell on the W½. The Little family and the Thorntons lived across the road from each other. The two families lived there 90 years. Lot 22, W½ 4th Con. - Little's farm. Uncle Wm. married Jane Armstrong whose father was John Armstrong, who lived on Lot 24, E½ of 4th Con. E. John Armstrong had a number of brothers who with their father settled near Mayfield on lot 20 W½ Con. 3 E. They were George, Robert, Henry and Stephen. Some moved to Alliston. John and George lived near Mayfield till their deaths. (Get further information re Armstrong family from Rev. J-

Conservator, Jan 31/35

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William Speirs

After a short illness, preceded by an extended period of failing health, the death occurred on Tuesday of William Speirs at the home of his son, Joseph L. Speirs, at Mayfield. Born at Mayfield 81 years ago, Mr. Speirs has lived there ever since. In politics, he was a Liberal, and he attended Mayfield United church. His wife, formerly Miss Sarah Cunnington, predeceased him six years ago. He is survived by two sons, William G. Speirs, Brampton, and Joseph L. Speirs at Mayfield; also 5 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The funeral takes place this afternoon from Mayfield United church to Dixon's Cemetery. Cons. 31/1/35

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Peel Gazette, January 31, 1935

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Speirs

SPEIRS: William Speirs, lifelong resident of Mayfield, died on Tuesday following a period of indifferent health owing to his advanced years. Mr. Speirs was in his 83rd year and had resided all his life on the same farm where his father, the late William Speirs, had settled nearly a century ago. Mr. Speirs was a Liberal and a member of Mayfield United Church. During his long life he made many friends by his kindly characteristics. His wife predeceased him six years ago. He was the last member of his family. Two sons, Joseph L., Mayfield, and William G., Brampton, survive. The funeral is being held this afternoon to Dixon's cemetery following a service in Mayfield church, which he had attended all his life. His pastor, Rev. Mr. Hodgson, Inglewood, conducted the service.

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William George Spiers, Brampton, died Saturday at Peel Memorial hospital. He was in his 58th year and was widely known as a stone-mason, specializing in barn foundations. In recent years he operated a garage in Brampton. Besides his widow, a brother survives.

wife

Mrs who was wife

Mrs.

+ Great grandson

Patrick 1st

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W. G. Speirs

William George Speirs, prominent Brampton garage owner and former deputy-reeve and councillor of the town, died at Peel Memorial Hospital on Saturday following an operation on Thursday. News of his passing came as a deep shock to a large circle of Brampton friends and business associates. Mr. Speirs was skipping one of two rinks which went from Brampton on Thursday to take part in the District Cup Competition at Toronto. Born at Mayfield 57 years ago, he was a son of the late William Speirs. He was in the stone masonry business in this district while a young man, later continuing the business at Toronto. Several years ago he returned here and operated a garage and service station. He was a former member of the town council, a member of the Ionic Lodge, A.F. and A.M., and of Grace United Church. He is survived by his widow, formerly Margaret Donaghey, and a brother, Joseph L. of Mayfield. The funeral took place from his late residence, Main street north, to Dixon's Cemetery on Monday afternoon.

From Speers

Interview with Mr. F.N. Leavens, Bolton, Ont.
9 June, 1933.

Lot 5, Con. 6, Albion.

The Woodills are related to the Caldwells. W. H. Caldwell married his cousin, Miss Annie Woodill.

Edward Corless, Jr. lives on this farm now. This name is spelled Corless.

(In Bolton there is a family named Curliss,-no relation.)

Jesse Phillips lives at Woodbridge.

The Grays are newcomers. Mrs. Wm. J. Gray was a Speers, a daughter of Peter Speers. Norman H. Gray married a girl from out of the county, from King.

The William Rogers who got the patent to this lot was related to the Goodfellows, on lot 10, Con. 4, Albion, and also to the Taylors on the west ½ of lot 10, Con. 5, Albion. One of the girls of the Roger family was a nurse during the Great War.

Brampton July 6th 1932
Box 577

Brampton
Notary

Wm. Perkins Bull Esq Dear Sir I received this Questionaire today will try to answer as correctly as I know how Peter Speirs

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3 Meredith Crescent,
July 4, 1932.

Peter Speirs, Esq.,
Box 577,
Mill St. S.,
Brampton, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Speirs:

Your letter filled with good information reached me today.

I have copied the two histories and returned the originals as you asked. thanks

You will find copies of each of the originals. Will you please go over them carefully and see if you can add anything. Just write it on the copies and return them to me.

Also please return this letter with the blanks filled in if you can.

Where is or was Cherry Valley?

Cherry valley was near the Mohawk where a Fort was built in 1778. where the Families for considerable extent took up their abode or retired occassionally for safety New York State. this where the Ensign Family lived. I heard my Grandmother Say

There is no definite proof that any Mississauga Indian ever killed or injured any white man, woman or child in Peel County. Do you know of any?

I have a History of the Indians of North America by Samuel. G. Drake 10th edition on page 86 there is a story of the destruction of Cherry Valley by Brant and his Indians

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Is there any evidence that any wild animal ever killed a white person in Peel?

not to my Knowlege

Is there any evidence that a poison snake ever killed a white person in Peel?

not to my Knowlege

Copy

Can you lend me any old letters?

havent any

Can you lend me any old diaries?

dident Keep any

Have you still your fiddle or any other old musical instruments or tools?

I have had several violins the one I have now I have had it over 80 years it is stamped an Imperial violin made by Nicklas Amatta made in Germany I started playing the fiddle when I was 15 years old it hung on the wall near my bed my Father had 2 hired Men I put them to sleep every night playing the fiddle the first money I earned playing the fiddle

Have you any old pictures of old houses or horses or work or barn raisings?

Old Robert Nicholl was a Framer building a barn for my Father Him & my Brother was playing Checkers old Bob was getting beat I was looking on & scratching on the fiddle He pulled 10 cts out of his vest pocket saying go out on the shed & play to the chickens

What is the story of the Clairville Plank Road?

I only Know the road from Clarville to Weston was planked My Father and Grandfather both had shares in it but it never paid any Dividends

Transcribe

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When was it built?

dont Know

Who built it?

dont Know

How far did it go?

Weston

Was it a success?

no

Did the people lose their money in it?

it cost to much to keep it in repare

I am enclosing you also a copy of the other information you so kindly gave me. Will you please go over it carefully and add to it or correct it or do whatever you can.

With appreciation for what you have already done,

Faithfully yours,

WPB/HP.
ENCLS.

Wm. Perkins Bull.

JF

Caledon East.

Con.3, Lot 16. NE½. James Speers. 100 ac.
1 Feb. 1869. See E½ Lot 16, Con.4, E.

On 6th May, 1875, Jas. Speers leases this land, on whoih is a Steam Saw Mill, known as Bell's Mill to David Bell, also of Caledon Twp., for the term of 15 years to be computed from 25th day of October, 1874, paying to Speers the yearly rent of $10.00; first payment to be made 25th day of October 1875. Party of the second part (David Bell) to pay taxes, to fence and keep up the fences. Party of the first part (Jas. Speers) agreeing to renew the leases for 5 years more at the expriation of the 15 years and to allow Bell to erect buildings and put in machinery on the premises; these not to become the property of Speers but may be at any time removed by Bell or his administrators.
Bell not to sublet or sell without consent of Speers.

Bell assigns and transfers the lease and all his interest to John A Bell for a debt due him. Assignemant agreed to by Speers.

Con.3, Lot 16. 6 Feb. 1883. Sam Speers. 100 ac.
See E½ Lot 18, Con.6.E.

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Spears

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April 17th, 1933.

Mr. Wm. Perkins Bull,
Toronto, Ont.

My Dear Sir;

Both of your very esteemed favors of 13th inst. only reached me to-day, because I was unable to go to the P.O. for some days owing to an accident on the day that P.-M., that I mailed you that large letter.

While walking on a scaffold a pole broke and I fell 12 ft. and was severely hurt, and I do regret this delay.

Now, Mr. Bull, with regard to the old diary of the late Col. Wm. Birdsall that I found in the garret upstairs in our home while housecleaning. It was very badly mouse-eaten and stained with the dry decay, if not very careful it would to to pieces on the least touch of the hand, so that it was a task for me to try and get the outline and correct dates in that ancient history. It took me almost 7 days and you may rest assured that it was absolutely useless and went to pieces into dust, just as soon as anything touched it, so that it had to be all burnt up.

By the way, Mr. Bull, did you ever see a Souvenir of the Village of Meadowvale, Ont., tracing back to 1836, edited and described, with rustic illustrations of a number of fine buildings and residences? Some have passed away and many of their owners also. Now, Mr. Bull, a little history in this local picture comes in here which may not be out of place. In November, 1902, Mr. H. Speirs

O.S.A. a first-class sketching artist from England, came to reside in Meadowvale, with a wife and several small children. Having little or no provision made for the winter, Mr. H. Spiers O.S.A. then came to our place in the fall of 1903 and told me some of his past history, and the said plight that he was in on the approach of the winter. He said that his people were well off, but that he married against his parents will, came to Toronto in 1900, but as his paintings were not in demand and that he was not acquainted here, so that in his weak state he appealed to me to try and get out the Souvenir, by getting donations from the people near by to advance at least $1.00 each, and that he would place their buildings in the Souvenir.

Now, Mr. Bull, without boasting, I went out with a list, to get a start in this way. Therefore, I wrote $10.00 on the top of the list and was successful in getting enough people interested to carry out the enclosed Souvenir sent to you to-day by the same mail) (Will you please return it to me when you are through with it, because it is the only one I have at present. I had 12 left unsold at that time, but gave them as presents to our far away relations as a momento).

Now in conclusion, with regard to Mr. Harry Spiers in the winter of 1904. Mr. Spiers showed me one of his paintings called "The Rabbit Hunters." Enclosed. I asked him to let me take it to Eatons, that they might buy his copyright and reproduce same for sale in their great store. Therefore, I showed it to the late Sir John Eaton, who was then President. He told me to send the

artist in and the sale was made. I also got the late Senator, Richard Blain, interested in Mr. H. Spiers in the Spring of 1904, and asked him to try and get this artist a position at Ottawa and he did so.

Now in conclusion, allow me to say that you may write Mr. Sigmore, Reeve of Meadowvale, to try and give you the history of his grandfather's old saw-mill. The late Mr. John Simpson, who was the original owner of the then 300 acres, now owned by Mr. G.L. Smith near the village of Meadowvale. Now the tumbling shaft from the saw-mill also gives power to run a large stationary home-made threshing machine by water-power.

I regret to be so badly laid up at present so that I cannot see you next Wednesday.

Sincerely yours,

A.H. Crozier,
Box 16,
Meadowvale, Ont.

E.P.Wood

Speers.

Alexander, brother of Hy. "Red Alex."

Richard Spiers of Caledon married Sarah Holmes.

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THE TORONTO DAILY STAR 10 January, 1935.

CALEDON

POLICE SWELL FAIR COSTS

$800 for Constables is largest Expense -- F. Baxter Elected Head.

also on agricultural Baxter Clark

Caledon, Jan. 10 -- F. Baxter was elected president of Caledon Agricultural Society. Vice-presidents are Robert Clark and John R. Speers.

Receipts of $1,884.14 for the past year included donations of $272 and admissions amounting to $267. The largest item of disbursement is $800 for special constables. Excess of assets over liabilities is $36,675, in which $3,700 worth of land and buildings is the largest amount.

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Orangeville Banner – July 22, 1937

OBITUARY

MRS. SAMUEL SPEERS

Caledon township lost another esteemed resident last week through the demise of Mrs. Samuel Speers at her home on lot 13, 3rd line, east, on Friday, July 16th. Death came after a lingering illness, which had confined Mrs. Speers to her room for five weeks. In her 76th year, the deceased woman was Miss Jane McFarlane before marriage and was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McFarlane, 4th line, east, Caledon. Following marriage she lived on the 6th line, Caledon, for a number of years, later in Orangeville for nine years, then in Toronto for a time, moving with her husband to the farm where she died about fifteen years ago. Mrs. Speers was a member of St. Andrew's Church, 4th line, east, Caledon, and was a kindly warm-hearted woman, who was held in affectionate regard by her neighbors. Her passing is mourned by her aged husband, a son, Nelson, of Toronto, a daughter, Mrs. Harry Thompson, 3rd line, east, Caledon, a brother, R. J. McFarlane, Toronto, two sisters, Mrs. P. A. McKinnon, Port Elgin, and Mrs. P. Armstrong, Hamilton, and five grandchildren.

There was a large attendance of friends and neighbors at the funeral, which was held from the bereaved home to St. Andrew's church cemetery on Monday afternoon. In the absence of her pastor, Rev. David Bishop, of Orangeville, held a short service at the house. This was followed by a largely attended service in St. Andrew's church, also in charge of Mr. Bishop. The pallbearers were Messrs. Wm. Gray, T. Baker, S. Wilson, F. McCormick, Harvey Speers and Murray Speers. Flowerbearers were Kenneth Baker, Billie Neal, Wilbert Speers, Gordon Beatty, Archie Speers and Jimmie Warnock. Friends were present from Port Elgin, Toronto and other outside points. Among the lovely floral tributes were noticed:—

Pillow, husband and family; sprays, the grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. E. Speers, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. C. Speers, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Speers, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Speers, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Tate and Gladys; and a wreath, Employees Pickering Farms.

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Speers

The Bolton Enterprise

12th Nov 1957.

JOHN M. SPEERS

For nearly twenty years attached to the staff of Mimico Reformatory, John Matthew Speers died recently in the Toronto Western Hospital, after an illness of two weeks. He was born in Mono Mills, and lived in Toronto since he was 17 years of age. Mr. Speers, living at 437 Indian Grove, was a member of Olivet Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Charles Millar, and one son, Russell, all of Toronto, and two grandchildren, Norma Speers and Doreen Millar. Interment took place in Park Lawn cemetery.

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The Conservator

4th Nov. 1937.

File Speers.

Josiah Bennett Speers

Born in Peel county and resident in Toronto as assistant master and principal of several schools, since 1888, Josiah Bennett died on Thursday at his home, 12 Lawson Blvd. Mr. Bennett, who was in his 77th year, after serving as assistant at Ryerson school, became principal successively of Dovercourt, Grace, Niagara, McCaul, Lansdowne, Dewson and McMurrich public schools. He retired in 1930, after holding the principalship of McMurrich for 12 years. He was a member of Deer Park United church and of Tent 500 in the Maccabees. He was honorary president of Grace Street Old Boys' association, a member of the Scottish Rite and life member and secretary of Zetland Lodge, No. 326, A.F. and A.M. His wife, who was Miss Speers, of Brampton, died 12 years ago and he is survived by two daughters and one son. Funeral service was held Saturday at the chapel of A. W. Miles, 30 St. Clair Ave. W. Rev. Stanley Russel conducted the service.

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Duncan McQuarrie, son of Donald
m. Ann Jane Speers. born U.S.A
1873 owned Cal. E. con. 4 lot 14.

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THOMAS SPEARS

A REWARD OF FIFTY DOLLARS will be given to any person or persons who will find THOMAS SPEARS, son of William Spears, who was LOST, in the Township of Caledon, in the 4th Concession, East of the Centre Road, on Lot No. 20, on the Night of the 30th September, 1841. The Boy was seen on the 4th of June, 1843, by two sons of Daniel McLaughlin, on the Town Line between Caledon and Albion, within half a mile of Mono Mills. He was sitting on a stone, looking at his feet, which were sore; he was quite naked, except for the waistband of a pair of trousers, of a dark colour, and about four inches of the one thigh, in rags, corresponding with the same he wore when lost.

He was seen again on Wednesday, the 14th of June last, having on the part of clothing last described, by Mrs. Howard, wife of Edward Howard on the Base Line between Mono and Caledon, about the 3rd Concession, on No. 27, in the Head of Caledon, which is less than three miles from where he was lost; and the place where he was first seen did not exceed three miles from the place where he was lost. Mrs. Howard came close up to him, and was not perceived until she came so near that she might have put her hand upon him; she was frightened, and stood to look at him, and he stood in the same manner, and gazed at her. Mrs. Howard, on observing such a fearful sight, started back, and then the Boy started into the woods; she then went to the place where her husband had some men

THOMAS SPEARS - 2

logging, and they all left work, and went in search of him; but they only found his track in the swamp. The Boy had dark brown eyes, coarse black hair, two broad teeth in front, large bones, long fingers and feet, and a mark of the cut of an axe under one of his knees, and he was hard of hearing. Mrs. Howard says, when he turned to run away from her, he had a mane of hair growing down his back.

Any person or persons who will FIND the Boy above described, and bring him to the Blue Bell Village, City of Toronto, safe and carefully, shall receive a Reward of Fifty Dollars, from the Subscriber.

WILLIAM SPEARS.

Blue Bell Village, City of Toronto, July 6, 1843.

A copy of this article under Lot 20, Con. 4, Caledon, East, does not give William Spears name here at the end but gives William Bell's name after the date July 6, 1843.

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SPEERS

Mrs. Alex. Speers of Caledon, was daughter of Robert and Eliza Davis of 2nd line Caledon.

(Taken from Clipping
Conservator Dec.6/34,
re John Davis' obituary.
John was Mrs. Speers' brother.)

"The Conservator" April 21, 1910.

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JAMES SPEERS

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Having reached the age of 94 years, the oldest resident of the county, and one of its pioneers, passed away at Caledon this week, in the person of James Speers, lot 16, 4th line, Caledon. Mr. Speers came to Caledon from Ireland when quite young, and assisted in removing the forests of Caledon. During his long and useful life he witnesseed many changes, and saw the wilderness transformed into smiling and profitable farms, villages and towns. His wife died some four years ago. Six sons and four daughters survive him. The fromer are Thomas at Mono; Samuel and Archie, of Toronto; James, John and Alexander of Caledon, and the daughters are Mrs. D. McQuarrie, in the North West; Mrs. Irwin Wilson, Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. Wm. Wilson, all residents in the county. Mr. Speers was a staunch old Tory and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was known to all as a very honest, upright, succ essful man; generous and kind and obliging neighbor, who was at all times ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. About three weeks ago suffered from a stroke of paralysis, from which it was at first thought he would recover. Up to that time he was quite active. His eyesight and hearing were very good and he made frequent trips to Orangeville and other places. The funeral took place on Tuesday, to the fourth line cemetery and was largely attended. His six sons were his ~~app~~ pallbearers. The Rev. Hugh Matheson conducted the service.

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The Conservator, Sept . 14th, 1922.
Obituary.

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ARCHIBALD SPEERS

Very suddenly, on Sunday morning last, the summons came for Archibald Speers, who passed away while seated at the breakfast table at his home, 37 Heath Street, Toronto. Mr. Speers, who was born 59 years ago on lot 15, 4th con. Caledon, was the son of the late James Speers, one of the pioneers of Caledon, and was very well-known before he left Peel as one of the leading teachers of Caledon township. Twenty-seven years ago, he went to Toronto where he became a printer and for many years conducted an establishment at 166 King St. west, in that city. He was a Presbyterian in religion, a member of the Conservative party, and belonged to the Masonic order. He is survived by four brothers, Alexander, James and John, of Caledon, Samuel, Toronto, and three sisters, Mrs. Irwin Wilson, Mrs. George Wilson, Caledon East, and Mrs. R. W. Wilson, Toronto. A funeral service was held in Toronto at the home of his sister, Roxton Rd., and the remains were brought by motor to Caledon, to the home of his brother, Alexander Speers, from whence the funeral was held.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY

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SPEERS

James Speers, 7 Apr. 1910 - 94 years

Eliza, 3rd Nov. 1902, - 78 years

Elizabeth, their dau., 22 Jan 1881, 22 years.

William, their son, 23 June 1875, 23 years

Archibald Speers, 10 Sept. 1922, 59 years.

Alec. Speers, Sr.

Speers.

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Caledon Twp. E., Con. 3. Lot 21.
24 Oct. 1841 all E½ bought for £43.13 by

We Have a photo Mr. + Mrs. Alex. Speers.

Alex Speers Sr

Native Armagh Co, Ireland.

m. Margaret McGuire.

Children: 6 sons 4 dtrs.

Henry, Caledon, E., Con. 3, Lot 21 E½.
Alex., " " " 4, " 21.
Richard, " " " 4, " 19.
Robert, " " " 4, " 22.

Buried at St. Johns Anglican Cemetery, Mono Twp.

Also owned:
Caledon Twp. E., Con. 4, Lot 21, 1863, W½.

Speers -2-

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Caledon Twp., E., Con. 4. Lot 22.
14 Oct. 1876. 100 ac. bought for $2600 by

Robert Speers.

s. of Alex. Speers Sr. + Margaret McBain
Caledon Twp., E., Con. 3. Lot 21.

b. 1873 d. 1927.
m. Mary Cummings
Moved to Manitoulin Island + later to U.S.

1925 - retired + came to Caledon.

Member L.O.L.
Conservative
Church of England

Children: 4 sons.
2 dtrs.

Speers - 3 -

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Caledon Twp., E., Con. 4. Lot 19.
14 Nov. 1912. 50 ac. bought for $700 by

Richard Speers.

s. of Alex. Speers Sr., & Margaret McGuire
Caledon Twp., E., Con. 3. Lot 21.

m. Sarah Holmes

Children: 6 dtrs.

Also owned:
Caledon Twp., E.; Con. 4, Lot 21 (1919) pt W½

Speers -4-

Caledon Twp., E., Con. 3, Lot 21.
18 Feb. 1892. E½. acquired for $1 and C. by

Henry Speers
s. of Alex Speers Sr. & Margaret McGuire,
Caledon Twp., E., Con. 3. Lot 21.

m. Mary Glassford

Children:
Gordon, same lot.
1 dtr.

Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Orangeville.
Wife living on property.

Also owned:
Caledon Twp., E., Con. 3. Lot 21 W½ (1915)
Con. 4. Lot 22 100 ac (1909).

Speers -5.

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Caledon Twp., E., Con. 3. Lot 21.
7 Aug. 1930. pts W½. acquired by

Gordon Speers.

s. of Henry Speers and Mary Glassford. same lot.

Also owned:
Caledon Twp. E., Con. 4. Lot 22. (1930) N½.

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Alex & Mary McGuire
or
(Richard & Jane Duke?)

- C. & E.
- Robert 1853 - 1927
  - d
  - d
  - d
  - d
- A. D.
- W. J. m. Susana (Anne) Nelson 1867 - 1936
  - George (c/o Brpt. obit)
  - Nelson (c/o Orvl. obit.)
  - Violet m. Samuel Allison (Orvl
- R. D.
- Jemima m. 1893 Arthur McKinley

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Speers 100
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William Thomas McKinley, life-long resident of Mono Mills and vicinity, passed to his rest about 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, the 18th, having succumbed to an attack of paralysis which seized him in the early hours of Saturday morning, the 14th inst. He was in his seventy-fourth year. The late Mr. McKinley was born in a house which used to stand near the present unused Methodist church in Mono Mills. He was married by the Rev. A. C. Watt on July 19th, 1893, to Miss Jemima Speers, sister of Mr. R. D. Speers, Caledon East. He is survived by his wife, and an only son, Dave, at home. It is noteworthy that his father, David McKinley, used to drive the stage-coach between Mono Mills, Caledon East and Mono Centre, in the days before the institution of the present Rural Route System. Mr. McKinley was a kindly, gentle man, a lover of children, hospitable, friendly and neighbourly, as seen from the large number who attended the funeral from his late residence in Mono Mills, on Friday the 20th, at 2 o'clock.

After toiling on the land adjacent to his residence in Mono Mills on Friday, 13th inst., William T. McKinley was stricken with a stroke early Saturday morning, 14th inst., and passed away without regaining consciousness about 10 a.m., Wednesday, 18th inst. The funeral was held Friday, 2 O.C., from his late residence in Mono Mills in which district he was born and spent all his life. His father, David McKinley, used to drive the stage-coack between Mono Centre and Mono Mills in the days when there was no organized Rural Mail Routes as now enjoyed. He was an esteemed citizen.

Orangeville Banner, 21 May, 1936 [illegible]

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MRS. WILLIAM J. SPEERS

Susana Nelson, wife of Mr. W. J. Speers, 3rd line, Caledon, passed away in Lord Dufferin hospital on Tuesday, May 19th, in her 70th year. Mrs. Speers had been in poor health for the last four years from the effects of a stroke. Becoming worse seven weeks ago she was removed from her home to Lord Dufferin Hospital, where she remained bedfast until her demise. Mrs. Speers was one of the eight sons and daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, lot 5, 3rd line, east, Caledon. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Speers moved to Toronto where they lived for eleven years. Returning to Caledon they settled on lot 8, 3rd line, east, where they have since lived. Deceased was a member of St. James Anglican church, Caledon East, and was a quiet, kindly woman, who was held in warm regard as a neighbor and friend. Her demise is mourned by a son and daughter, Nelson Speers, on the homestead in Caledon, and Mrs. Violet Allison, Orangeville, and her only surviving sister, Mrs. George Bracken, Eden, Man., who is visiting in Ontario at the present time. There are also five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Orangeville Banner, 21 May, 1936. Speers

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MRS. WILLIAM J. SPEERS

Susana Nelson, wife of Mr. W. J. Speers, 3rd line, Caledon, passed away in Lord Dufferin hospital on Tuesday, May 19th, in her 70th year. Mrs. Speers had been in poor health for the last four years from the effects of a stroke. Becoming worse seven weeks ago she was removed from her home to Lord Dufferin Hospital, where she remained bedfast until her demise. Mrs. Speers was one of the eight sons and daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, lot 5, 3rd line, east, Caledon. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Speers moved to Toronto where they lived for eleven years. Returning to Caledon they settled on lot 8, 3rd line, east, where they have since lived. Deceased was a member of St. James Anglican church, Caledon East, and was a quiet, kindly woman, who was held in warm regard as a neighbor and friend. Her demise is mourned by a son and daughter, Nelson Speers, on the homestead in Caledon, and Mrs. Violet Allison, Orangeville, and her only surviving sister, Mrs. George Bracken, Eden, Man., who is visiting in Ontario at the present time. There are also five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Conservator, 21 May, 1936

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Mrs. W. J. Speirs

The funeral takes place from Caledon East Anglican church to Caledon East cemetery this afternoon of Mrs. W. J. Speirs, Third line east, Caledon, who passed away on Tuesday in Lord Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville. Mrs. Speirs, formerly Miss Annie Nelson, had spent her entire life in that district, and had not enjoyed very good health for many months past. She was a member of St. James' church, Caledon East, and has always been a faithful supporter of the Conservative party. Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Samuel Allison, Orangeville; one son, George Speirs; and one sister, Mrs. Bracken, now living in Western Canada.

Obituary

Robert Speers

Robert Speers, an old and highly respected resident, passed away in Mono Township Monday (May 30) night following an illness of one year. Deceased was born in Caledon Township seventy-four years ago, and had resided there for twenty years, when he removed to Manitoulin Island, and later to the United States. Two years ago he retired and had since resided in Caledon Township. He was a member of the L. O. L., a Conservative and an Anglican. He is survived by one son and three daughters; three brothers, A. D., W. J., and R. D., of Caledon.

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Wesley S.

Speirs, W. G. Caledon #1.

Beekeeper (according to list of Peel Co. beekeepers)

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W.G. Speirs, Caledon, RR#1,

Member of Beekeepers' Assn.

As shown in File in List of Members.

In Bee File.

Speers

Orangeville Banner June 11/36.

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William Speers, well-known pioneer farmer resident of Caledon East, passed on at Lord Dufferin Hospital, Orangeville, about 5 o'clock Sunday morning, May 31st, in his 79th year. During the past winter Mr. Speers had not been enjoying the best of health and was removed to the hospital for observation on the 14th ult. The late William Speers was the son of Alexander Speers, of Caledon East, his mother's maiden name being Margaret Maguire. He was born November 15th, 1857, on the old Speers homestead, corner of the 3rd line, east, Caledon, and 20 side-road, the farm now occupied by his nephew, Gordon Speers. Mr. Speers was a boy of 10 years of age at the time of the building of St. John's Anglican Church, Mono Mills, where, as a lad, he used to walk with others to Sunday School and attend the services. When he attained his majority he was elected warden for a brief tenure and rendered valuable service for many years. St. John's Anglican Church, Mono Mills, was erected Oct. 4th, 1867. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, who was Miss Sarah Purdon, to whom he was married about 48 years ago; three sons, Stafford, Cecil and George (another son, Wilbert, was ranked as "missing" in the casualty lists of the World War); two daughters died as children, Pearl, aged 6 years, and Violet, who died twenty-seven years ago aged 14 years. The six pallbearers were Stafford, Cecil and George, sons, and George, Alex. and Gordon Speers, nephews. Among those who sent lovely floral tributes were: The Family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Speers, Mrs. Henry, Gordon and Aileen Speers. The late Mr. Speers was of unblemished integrity and was scrupulously honest in his business dealings. Throughout his long life, he showed many qualities of enduring good citizenship. A large number of relatives and friends gathered for the funeral service which was held in St. Mark's Church, Orangeville, on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Ernest P. Wood was in charge of the services at the church and graveside. Interment was made in the Forest Lawn cemetery.

(To be Filed)

The Conservator, February 26th, 1931. 63184

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Caledon

Obituary - Elgin Speers.

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Speers

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From Toronto Daily Star,
22 Sept. 1933.

The first Caledon fair was held in 1862, Gordon Speers told the gathering, but the prize-lists on record only go back to 1875, the previous ones having being destroyed by the fire at the parliament buildings. The fair sponsored by the Agricultural Society, was an effort to encourage raising better livestock, the early records state. In 1901 the society rented its present site from the late Thomas Smith and moved its hall, which has been built by the council, to that location. In 1926 the grounds were purchased and paid for by popular subscription. The fair has grown rapidly since its inception, until last year there were 1,919 entries and a prize-list of fifty pages, as compared with the list of sixteen pages in 1875.

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Feb. 14/34.

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Mono Mills Loyal True Blue Lodge #389.

Officers - 1930.

W. M. Miss Emma Arlow

D. M. Miss Aileen Speers File

Recording Secretary - John A. Vance.

SEE ORANGE CHAPTER.

SPEERS.

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Married - On the 10th instant, by the Rev. W.E. McKay, Robert Speers to Miss Margaret Skelton, both of Caledon.

Orangeville Banner, Jan. 11,1934.

Orangeville Seventy one years Ago.

From The Sun, April 17, ~~1921~~ 1862.

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Left to mourn his loss are his wife, formerly Gladys Varey, and three small children, Weldon, Lina and Evelyn. There are six brothers as well as his parents living, Wesley, Fred, Mervin, Norman, David and Esmill, all of Caledon, and one sister, Mrs. I. Trathen, Hamilton.

1931
35
1896

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Stallion Owners in Peel County - continued

Owner	Address
Wesley Speers,	Caledon,

Year	Breed
1918	1 Shire

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The Conservator, January 15, 1925.

Obituary. G

Alex. M. Speers

On Friday night last (January 9) Alex. M. Speers passed away at his home in Caledon. He was 75 years of age. Born in the township he resided there all his life. Successful in farming, a close student of public affairs, at one time a member of the township council, he was consulted on many matters and occupied a prominent place in the life of the county. A member of the Church of England and an independent in politics. He had many friends, who, with his widow, four sons and four daughters who survive, have the sympathy of many friends.

1925
75
185.0

1856

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

(no name)

Parents - Alexander & ___ Speers (6th line)

Yeoman. Caledon.

baptized 27 Nov. 1866.

Margaret Speers - still living, very old.

Maiden name was Margaret Purden.

She first married Bob Cabane (Cobean?) and they had 3 children.

1. Lawrence - unmarried.
2. Joseph - " buried in Caledon East Cemetery
3. Alice - Married to David Cook of Caledon, Concession 3, East Half, Lot 26.

She then married Robert Speers and had one boy named James, who is now dead. He was Deputy Reeve of Albion. James was unmarried and is buried also in Caledon East Cem.

Robert Speers - husband of Margaret, is now dead and buried in Caledon E. Cemetery.

FIRE

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CALEDON

RICHARD SPEERS granted $3.3 for sheep killed by dogs 1869.

TORONTO TOWNSHIP

JOHN SPEERS granted $10.00 for 8 sheep killed by dogs in 1901

(Taken from Geo. Robb's letter
Sept.30/33 - Ft. Qu'Appelle, Sask)

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Speers File

Eliza Jane Mathews, (daughter of John Mathews and Ellen Evans of Lot 20, Con.2, Albion) married Robert Speers of Mono Mills. Eliza Jane was born on her father's lot. She died in Toronto, 30 years ago, and is buried in St. James' Caledon E.

(Taken from Geo. Robb's letter
Sept.30/33 - Ft. Qu'Appelle, Sask)

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J. E. Carl E.)
m.
Annie ——

Millard Sarah
(1898-1925)

CALEDON E. PUBLIC.

SPEERS.

Elgin L.

1896-1931.

Lloyd G.

1928-1928.

(Large glass of White waxed flowers at top of grave)

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Another monument.

Mildred Sarah,

dau. of J.E. & Annie Speers,

1898-1925.

ARCHIBALD
b. 1866
d. 25 Nov 1931

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Archibald Cal E.
1866-1931

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Thomas (C. of E.)
(1855c - 1931)
m.
F. Armstrong

Wesley | Ernest | Frank | dtr. m. W. R. Garrel | Dave | Ruby.

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Obituary - Thomas Speers.

The funeral tooke place to Orangeville Cemetery on Sunday afternoon of the late Thomas Speers, aged 76, a lifelong resident of Caledon. He was a member of St. Mark's Anglican church, Orangeville and a Conservative.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Miss F. Armstrong; three sons, Wesley and Ernest in the West and Frank at home; three daughters, Mrs. W. R. Garnet in the west; Miss Olive in Toronto and Miss Ruby at home.

"The Conservator." July 4, 1918. 63207

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John Speirs. (Obituary,

G.

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A great many of the old residents of Chinguacousy have joined the silent majority during the past three months, among them being John Speirs of Mayfield, who passed away on Friday morning last at the age of seventy years. Mr. Speirs had been ill for the past twelve months, his illness being caused by heart trouble and anemia, the weakness attendant upon the disease increasing until the end came. Mr. Speir's father and mother came from Scotland and settled at Mayfield in 1832, where they were first engaged in farming, afterwards conducting the general store there for many years. John Speirs had lived all his life in the district, having been born near the farm where he settled and where he died, having married Miss Gray, also a resident of Chinguacousy. Only one member of the family survives, William Speirs, a brother, who also lives at Mayfield. Mr. Speirs leaves a family of eleven children, besides his wife, four of them at home, two overseas, and two in the West. Mr. Herbert Cambpell of Brampton is a daughter. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon from Mayfield Presbyterian church, of which the deceased had been a life long member, and interment was made in Dixon's cemetery.

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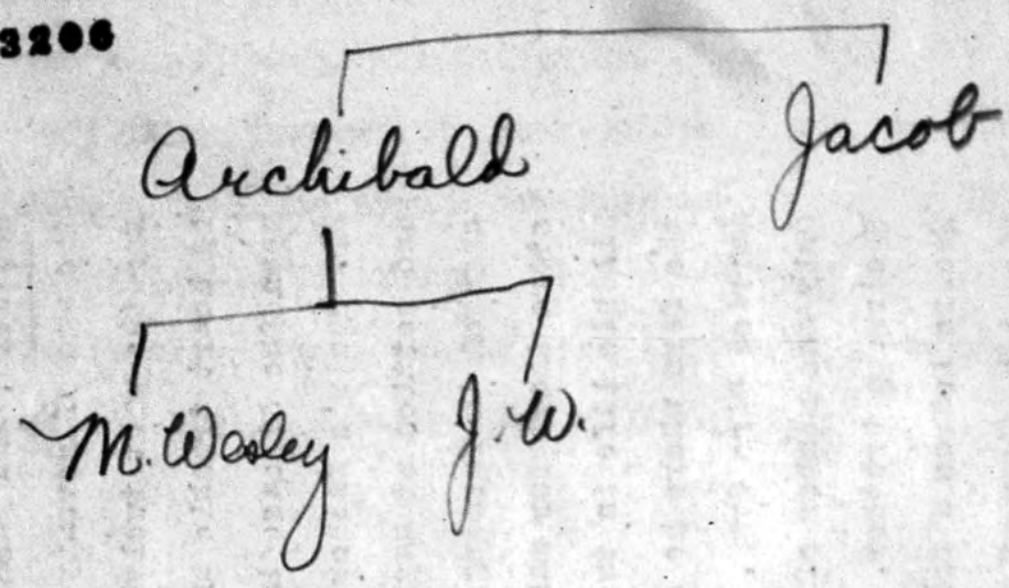

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The Conservator, April 5, 1917.

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M. W. SPIERS

of Brandon, was in town this week. Mr. Spiers will be remembered as a resident of Chinguacousy thirty-five years ago, where his father Mr. Archie Speirs was a well-known farmer and stock-dealer. Another son, W. J. Speirs, was the popular reciter of his day in Brampton and neighbouring towns. They moved west and have all prospered. Wes., who is here this week is the employee of the Dominion Government at Brandon.

"Large Clip of Wool - Mr. Jacob Speers, in a letter to the Brampton Times says:- I purchased from Mr. John Snell of Edmonton, last week, his clip of wool for this year, amounting to 1,530 lbs. of long lustre wool, suitable for combing purposes. Besides this, Mr. Snell sent 165 lbs. to the factory to be manufactured for family use, making in all, 1,695 lbs.--a crop, I think, that is hard to beat."

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RE: HORSE EXPORTS FROM PEEL

As far back as 1876 we learn that Archibald Spears took over a shipment of 40 head to England among which were some really choice carriage teams.

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Agric

Remarks

THE PEEL BANNER AND GENERAL ADVERTISER

Sept 21, 1876.

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Exportation of Horses

Mr. Archibald Speers will leave in a few days with upwards of forty horses for England. He has purchased the carriage horses of Mr. Chisholm, and three of Mr. Elliott including his carriage team. Mr. Wm. Warne, the gardener of Mr. Elliott, will go to England with the horses.

~~In horse exporting days some very fine horses were sent from the country to Great Britain~~. As far back as 1876 we learn that Archibald Speers took over a shipment of 40 head to England among which were some really choice carriage teams.

Archie Speers, Brampton #1

Holstein cattle breeder, according to
List in Holstein file.

E. Jeffers 3/7/33.
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Twp of Chinguacousy W.
Con 6 Lot 13.
25 Mar 1872. 200 ac bought for $1200
by:
Archibald Speers.

N. S.

Also owned.
Twp of Ching W. Con 6 Lot 14. (1872) 200 ac

E. Jeffery. 9/7/35 [illegible]
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Twp of Cherquaccuey W.
Con 2 Lot 16.

22 Jan 1866. W½ bought for $3400
by:
Jacob Speers.

N.S.

Early Cattle Buyers of Chinguacousy Township

Archibald & Jacob Speers, brothers, were the big cattle buyers of their district in the '60s and '70s. A son of Archibald Speers became connected with the Commissioned Firm of A. Speers & Son Ltd. at Winnipeg stock yards.

(This information taken from Hugh Clark's report, filed in the Cattle General file)

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Alex. (Calam)
|
Archie
m. 1905
Ida Marlen Albon

BOLTON ENTERPRISE. 5th July, 1935.

Thirty Years Ago.

Speers

Copy to Martin

The wedding of Miss Ida Martin, 2nd Line, Albion, and Archie Speers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Speers, of Caledon, was solemnized on Wednesday.

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The Conservator Sept. 6, 1928

Obituary Mrs. William Speirs

Mrs. William Speirs a well known and highly esteemed resident of Mayfield district granddaughter of William Speirs one of the first settlers of the Third Line East, Chinguacousy, passed away Tuesday morning (Sept. 4). Mrs. Speirs was a daughter of the late Joseph Cunningham and was born in Mayfield 75 years ago. She was a member of Mayfield United Church and the funeral will be held from there Thursday afternoon to Brampton Cemetery. She is survived by her husband three sons, W. G. Speirs, Brampton; Joseph, Mayfield; and Henry, Brampton; two brothers George Cunnington, Chinguacousy and William Cunnington in the U.S. and a sister Mrs. Isaac Maltby, Chinguacousy, also survive. Another sister, Mrs. Ed. Trought Inglewood, predeceased her over a year ago.

(Apparently either Cunningham or Cunnington is correct but it was like the above in the Conservator - EB)

Shady Lane Farm, Caledon East was the scene of a pretty wedding at 2 o'clock, December 4th, when Annie Isabelle, daughter of Mrs. Archie, and the late Archie Speers, became the bride of Mr. Gordon Ernest McCandless, only son of Mr. And Mrs. Thomas McCandless of Mono Mills.

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John (Caledon & later Palermo & then Bronte)

Wm H. (1859 – m. Lucy Bumby)

C.A.

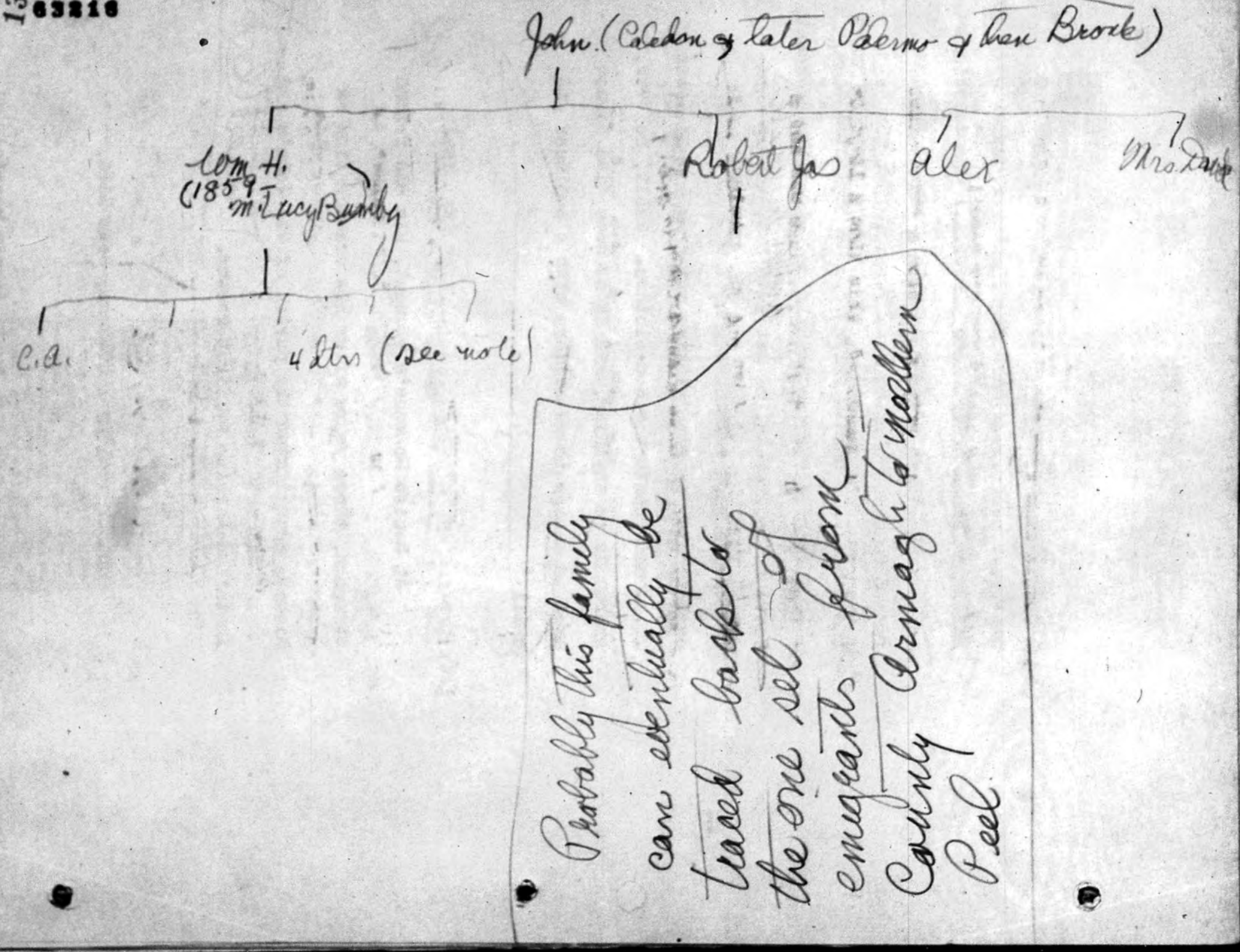
4 dtrs (see note)

Robert Jas

Alex

Mrs Davis

Probably this family can eventually be traced back to the one set of emigrants from County Armagh to Northern Peel



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SPEIRS: Robert Speirs, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of this town for many years, died suddenly on Tuesday night at his home, Thomas street. Mr. Speirs has been in indifferent health for some time. He suffered a heart attack on Tuesday, which proved fatal. Mr. Speirs was born in Mayfield seventy-four years ago, a son of the late Robt. Speirs, and farmed in that district for many years. Of late years he had been living retired in this town and his genial disposition made him many friends. He was a member of the Brampton Presbyterian Church and in politics a staunch Liberal. Mr. Speirs never married. He was the last member of his family. The funeral takes place this afternoon with interment at Stayner.

Peel Gazette, Brampton. 11th Feb 1937.

Port Credit News March, 1936

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Port Credit News June 1936

BRONTE.—Although they were almost direct opposites in disposition and temperament, Mr. and Mrs. H. Speers have lived happily together for 50 years and, on Tuesday, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, surrounded by members of their family and their many friends. The former is a son of the late John Speers who came from Ireland at the age of 14 to settle in Caledon township. Through half a century, the differences of the couple have merely brought them to a closer understanding, and, they remark, if there is a particular reason for their successful wedded life they believe it is that they have learned to respect the virtues in one another and to tolerate the faults.

"He is Irish to the backbone, hot, quick-tempered, and always on the go, while I am quiet, and sit back. He has to have his say and then I have my way," Mrs. Speers declared, chuckling. "But if he has a temper he gets over it right away and it's forgotten in a minute. We never worry and we've been very happy."

"Yes, it's right, she's the boss in this family because she has the most good sense and she's always right. I know it and so we get along very well together," Mr. Speers admitted cheerfully.

Four generations of the Speers family were present at the celebrations, for the couple have four daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, little eight-months-old Peter James Tipping. The son is C. A. Speers, of Windsor, and the daughters are Mrs. A. O. Flumerfelt of Bronte; Mrs. L. Joyce, Port Credit; Mrs. F. N. Belyea, Simcoe Island, and Mrs. John MacMillan, Kilbride.

Born at Palermo, July 16, 1859, Mr. Speers is the son of the late John Speers, a pioneer builder in the area. His father came from Ireland at the age of 14, settling at Caledon, where there are now several families of the same name. Later John Speers moved to Palermo, where he was a well-known carpenter, building many houses and barns in the rapidly developing farming area until he died when the son was only one year old. The family moved to Bronte in 1867.

Has Currency of 1776

"Until I was a young man I lived with Charles Sovereign, who was a justice of the peace, and a very fine man," Mr. Speers said. "He was well educated and known all over the country. His father was Philip Sovereign, who was a member of parliament, and I have an invitation that was sent to him in 1809 asking him to visit the lieutenant-governor."

Mr. Speers also owns a diary kept by Philip (Squire) Sovereign, that tells of daily life in Bronte in the year 1835, and he has a three-pound bank note formerly owned by the Sovereign family that was issued in New Jersey in 1776. Although that was the year of the Declaration of Independence the note has an inscription stating it was "emitted by a law of the colony of New Jersey, passed in the 14th year of the reign of His Majesty, King George III," and is dated March 25, 1776. A further inscription on the back declares that it was printed by Isaac Collins, Burlington, and the solemn warning is given that "'Tis death to counterfeit."

For three years Mr. Speers was in charge of logging operations carried on by the late William McCraney, M.P. for Halton, and he remembers the experience as one of the happiest periods in his life.

Car Strike on Honeymoon

Mr. and Mrs. Speers met when they attended school together. She is the former Lucy Bumby, the daughter of the late William Bumby who came from England more than 80 years ago and settled at Appleby where Mrs. Speers was born on May 4, 1860.

The couple were married March 10, 1886, and it was a double wedding, for Mrs. Speers' sister, Jane Bumby, was married at the same time to the late John Sherwood of Appleby. Mr. and Mrs. Speers went to Toronto on their honeymoon and they have vivid memories of riding in a horse-car along King St. and being ordered out by strikers who unhitched the horses and broke the windows in the car. "I suppose they were after more money, like all strikers. Anyway, we had to walk," Mr. Speers remembered.

Mr. Speers is one of Bronte's most prominent personalities. He will be 77 years old on his next birthday, and has the reputation of being "the youngest man of his age in the district." For a long period he operated a farm on the West bank of the river here where his land extended from the highway to the radial tracks, but 20 years ago he decided to retire and he sold the property.

All his life Mr. Speers has been a lover of horses, and as a breeder he was a consistent winner at the Canadian National Exhibition. For over 30 years he was a director of the Oakville fair and was president of the organization for two terms, and at another time was president of the Farmer's Institute.

"The first year I went to Toronto I put in 11 entries and I won 10 prizes out of the 11 for a yearling horse," he stated. "I've never been sick enough to have a doctor, and I've never had a drink of liquor.

Mrs. Speers is a valued leader in the women's work of the Bronte United church, of which she and her husband are faithful members. For a long period she was vice-president of both the W.M.S. and the Ladies' Aid. "I do not like to see women smoking," she said.

The Conservator Jan. 19, 1928

J. B.

Obituary ROBERT SPEERS

Death removed from east side of Peel on Jan 17th a man who will leave a very deep imprint on the hearts and memories of the hundreds of people with whom he came in contact during a long period of half a century in the service of the people of Elmbank and Mt. Charles districts. Robert Speers who settled at Elmbank 52 years ago as the local blacksmith and who removed to Mt. Charles 11 years ago was outstanding, not only as a business man but as a citizen, as a friend and neighbor. Robert Speers was born at Palermo, Halton County coming, as has been said to Elmbank 52 years ago and spending 41 years in that district. He was a staunch supporter of the Conservative party and of the temperance cause and was keenly interested in school matters serving for years as trustee of the Elmbank district. For many years he worshipped at Bethany Church attending Palestine after his removal to St. Charles. With a wonderful help in his wife, formerly Miss Frances Gardhouse, who has been outstanding in her connection with women's organizations in the community in which she resided the home life xxx xxxx of the family has been unusually attractive.

The Conservator Jan. 19, 1928

Obituary SPEERS

Two sons, John, at St. John Quebec, James at Winnipeg, two daughters, Mrs. D. J. Lammy, Malton and Mrs. Mark Dawson, Bronte are also warmly remembered in the thoughts of their friends this week. Mr. Speers leaves two brothers, W.H. at Bronte, Alex in Denver, Col. and one sister Mrs. David.

Speers

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Conservator, 26 March, 1936

Mr. John Speers has rturned to his position at St. John's, Quebec, after spending several weeks with his mother, Mrs. R. J. Speers, Mt. Charles.

Malton

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Notes from Dora Royce on the Orth Family. 63224

My informant on the Orth history is Mrs. Robert Spiers, her name before marriage being Frances Gardhouse her home is now at Mount Charles just around the corner on the side road to the West. Her husband was the Blacksmith on the 5th line at Elmbank and they lived there for 42 years. They knew the Orth family very well.

Nov 21/38

BRAMPTON BOY FOR WINNIPEG

James Speers Leaves Wilkie for a Wider Field

Banquet Tendered by Business Men

Mr. Speers Will Engage More Extensively in Grain - Good Luck to Him.

Mr. R. James Speers is leaving the town of Wilkie, Sask., for Winnipeg, where he intends to reside in future. On Monday evening of last week a large number of the business men of Wilkie were present at a farewell banquet which was tendered Mr. Speers before his departure. As this was practically their last opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the most prominent business man in Wilkie they determined to give him a most fitting send off and to wish him every prosperity and success in his future career in Winnipeg. The Wilkie Press, reporting the proceedings and commenting on Mr. Speers' excellent qualities as a citizen says:-

Mr. Speers has done much for the advancement of Wilkie, and to his unrestrained energy and unlimited business capacity is due a large share of the growth of this town in the last two years. He located here when the town was quite young and had been a great help and benefactor, to the farmer especially. Entering into partnership with Mr. J. C. Ross the first grain warehouse was erected in the fall of 1908. The following year it was enlarged considerably and that same year many elevators were erected through the district. This firm handled the first wheat bought and shipped from Wilkie. Mr. Speers has also, through his influence, directly or

otherwise, greatly improved our town and erected many buildings of material importance to us. The Horse Exchange established by him and his partner has proven one of the finest buildings in town, the barn being constructed entirely of concrete and cement, capable of accommodating forty head of horses. The real estate business conducted by him has been very extensive. Mr. has made many friends during the time he lived here.

Regret was also expressed at the departure of Mrs. Speers, who, since coming to reside in the neighborhood had made many friends.

Mr. Speers intends devoting more time to the grain business and for this purpose found it necessary to removed to Winnipeg.

Mr. Speers disposed of his Horse Exchange Building for the sum of $7,000. He also sold his house and office building.

Mr. Speers had forged steadily ahead since he first went to the west and we have no doubt he will become a leading business man in the Prairie City. His Peel County friends join in wishing him continued prosperity and success.

R. James Speers
Winnipeg, Man

3 Meredith Crescent,
Toronto.

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I am collecting data for a history of the County of Peel and would like you to kindly fill in the questionnaire below and return it to me as early as you conveniently can, and oblige.

Wm. Perkins Bull.

GENERAL PEEL QUESTIONNAIRE

Indians.

What Indian relics, if any, have been found in your neighbourhood, and what became of them?

Nil

Do you recall any stories of dealings of early settlers with Indians; going hunting or fishing with them; being alarmed, injured, or helped by them; doing business with them by sale or barter; or giving to them when they begged; etc?

Nil

Pioneer Life.

Do you recall any stories told by old settlers of catastrophies, accidents, practical jokes, amusing incidents, contests of skill and strength, romances, hairbreadth escapes, or unusual provisions, shelters or houses, tools, furniture, clothing, or methods of transportation, which the early settlers were obliged to use?

Nil

What farms or businesses or other properties in your neighbourhood are still in the possession of descendants of the original settlers on crown grants?

Farms in the neighborhood of Malton are still occupied by descendants of the original owners and have crown deeds but they are the 4th and 5th generations. Below are a few names of families ;- Tomlinsons, Brockbanks, Garbutts, McKays, Lammy Gardhouse, Moores, Johnston, Shaws, Heydons, Blaines, Grahams, Aikins. Much could be written of these old families and old settlers whose descendants have scattered over this fair land. The Tomlinsons came in about 1829, the Brockbanks soon after; The Garbutts and McKays chopped out their bush farms. John Gardhouse was a land mark for years, lived to be over 90 and had descendants by the score. R. James Spears of Winnipeg is a grandson and comes honestly by his love for horses as both his father and grandfather were expert horsemen.

Jim Moore was famous for his Cotswold Sheep, and fine horses and cattle.

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History of Communities (YOUR OWN AND ANY OTHER YOU KNOW)

Name of community, or village, and origin of name?

MALTON. After a town in Yorkshire, England, the birthplace of the Blanchard family, of whom, Wm. Blanchard and Mrs. Thomas Potter were the last in that vicinity.

Date of settlement, and first settler?

MALTON was Lot 11 - 6th. Concession, east of Hurontario St. and was surveyed by J. Stoughton Dennis, Dom. Land Surveyor, about 1857 or sooner.

Where did the majority of the early settlers come from?

England, principally Yorkshire, with a few Irish and Scotch.

(church)

Name, location and present condition of first churches in neighbourhood.

The first church was the old Presbyterian Church on the Moore farm, long since torn down. The Primitive Methodist was built in 1857 and the Presbyterian Church a few years later; both buildings are still standing.

(Education)

Name location and present condition of first schools in neighbourhood?

The first school was built of logs on the Malton sideroad, and was pulled down; was used as a stable by the late John Bateman. The first brick school was built about 1860 from brick made on the Geo. Blain farm. It was two storey and was in use until quite recently being replaced by a modern building. A.F.Campbell and Thos. Hassard and Adam Morton were outstanding teachers in the old school.

Location, date of building, and present condition of other public buildings.

Where and of what sort is the oldest house in your neighbourhood, and what is its history?

The original farm house still stands, built of logs and brick, now owned by the late Isaac Sanders family, of which John McMullen, Brampton is a descendant.

The oldest store? The McDonald Store was the original and was on the Toronto Gore side of the 6th. line. Occupied by the Allens' for some time, the writer was born there in 1864

The oldest inn? The hotel on the corner of 6th. line and Malton sideroad was run by Richard Holliday, afterwards by the late Wm. Hale; three other hotels flourished at intervals - Heydon's at the station, Atchison's on the 6th. line and Heycock's also near the station.

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Is there, or has there been, a post office in this community, and if so, during what years, and opened by what postmaster? Isaac Sanderson built and operated the large brick general store and post office until 1865 when it was taken over by Thomas Blain Allen and continued in the Allen family until 1905, and is still in the same building.

Is there, or has there been, a railroad station in this community, and if so, on what line and during what years?

Built on the Grand Truck and was an important point. Gooderham and Worts shipped flour from the Meadowvale Mills until the C. P. R. came to Meadowvale. Thomas Milne of Brampton used them as grain warehouses in later days.

Distinguished Citizens. (If still living please give address)

Wm. Hale, John Bateman, John Hamilton, David Adams, John Armstrong, Henry Milne, John Bell; (None living).

What men have gone out of your community to political distinction?

Hon. J. C. Aikins, Liberal Member for Peel.
Hon. J.A.M.Aikins, Winnipeg.
Senator Richard Blain, Brampton,
A. F. Campbell, Brampton
T. G. Blain, (Judge in Saskatchewan)

Well-known figures in fraternal organizations?

John Robinson, J.P.Burbidge, Jospeh Foster, Henry Brocklebank
Frank Chapman, Robert Speers, Samuel Wallace, John Armstrong.

Extremely wealthy men and women?
John Aikins (Brampton)
James Walker
George Sheard

Prominent clergymen, doctors, lawyers, etc., with provincial or wider reputations?

Revs.Peter Campbell, John Baikie, John Wilkie, R. P. McKay, E. D. McLaren

Doctors Phillips, Stewart, Hamilton, Bowles

Writers, artists, designers, musicians, architects, actors, etc.?

Nil

Athletes?

Nil

Military heroes, and officers of high rank?

Nil

Scientists and inventors?

Nil

Criminals?

Nil

People distinguished by physical peculiarities, if any, such as midgets, giants, siamese twins, etc., or by longevity, very large families, etc.?

Mr. Robert Wright (large family)
Mr & Mrs. James Walker lived to 99 years.
Mrs. Samuel Armstrong, now in Toronto, 97 years od age.

Miscellaneous.

Are there any non-Anglo-Saxon families in your community, and if so, of what nationalities?

No

When did such families come in?

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What militia units have operated in your neighbourhood and at what times?

Nil

Are there any private schools in your neighbourhood, or have there been any in the past? Give what particulars you can?

Nil

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Have any of the less well-known religious denominations and sects had congregations in your neighbourhood? For example, Plymouth Brethren, Christian Scientists, Quakers, Seventh Day Adventists, etc.?

No

Are there many Jews in your neighbourhood?

No

Is there a public library, and if so, since when, and of what size and nature?

YES - started by Daniel Allen in the General Store now in the hands of John Robinson.

What great occasions have been celebrated by the community, royal visits, returns of distinguished sons, conventions, reunions, anniversaries, etc.?

Nil

What serious epidemics, if any, have afflicted your community?

Nil

Have there been any family feuds, splits in churches, election rows, etc.?

Election rows only

Are any unusual businesses carried on in your neighbourhood, any unusual crops grown, or stock kept on the farms, etc.?

Nil

What fairs are attended by the farmers of your district, and have they won any unusual awards?

Brampton Fair; Woodridge Fair; Cooksville Fair, Malton Spring Show

Give names, addresses, and other particulars of any breeders, importers, exhibitors or owners of pure-bred live-stock or poultry, in your neighbourhood.

James Gardhouse & Sons - Cattle
Albert Hewson - Horses
Dr. James M. McKay - Jersey Cattle

What residents of your community have very old dishes, books, tools, furniture, musical instruments or similar antiquities?

Many of the old families have relics.

To what extent are electric lighting and power, telephones and water-works, general in your community?

Lighting Power and Telephones in use.

Are there any regular social events, holiday celebrations, etc., which are a long tradition in your community?

Nil

In the case of early settlers, your own ancestors, or others, did they clear their own land?

Yes

If not, who did?

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What springs and flowing wells were in your neighbourhood and where?

Flowing well on Grand Trunk property used for tank purposes for years by Grand Trunk Railway. Not now in use, tank removed.

Are they still there?

Yes

Toronto, Ont.
August 1932.

SUPPLEMENT TO QUESTIONNAIRE

MALTON

Situated on Lot 11 - 6th. Concession, Toronto Township East.

Surveyed by J. Stoughton Dennis, Don. Land Surveyor before 1860.

The centre of the richest part of Peel County and laid out for County Town, but was defeated by Brampton by one vote, the late George Blain spending a fortune to make MALTON the hub of Peel.

The Grand Trunk Railway cuts through the centre of the village and was an important station in the early days. A 4 horse stage from Mono Mills brought mail and passengers from the Caledon Country but was discontinued when the narrow gauge ran to Bolton and Orangeville and a shorter mail service from Malton supplied Grahamsville, Woodhill, Stanley Mills, Tullamore and Sandhill.

MALTON also served Mount Charles, Palestine, Derry, West Meadowvale, and Churchville with a mail service, and the late T. G. Blain carried the mail to these points. He died recently at Mel ville, Saskatchewan; he was County Judge at Melville.

MALTON had large freight sheds and large quantities of flour were shipped by Gooderham Mills at Meadowvale - all in barrels - and as many as 8 or 10 teams were employed hauling flour from Meadowvale to Malton daily. This was all discontinued when the Credit Valley Railway ran past Meadowvale.

Thomas Milner and Son used the freight sheds in later years for grain storage and W. E. Milner of Winnipeg bought grain there when he was a boy of 18 years of age. Mr. Henry Milner, a brother of Thomas Milner continued the business for many years.

Thomas Blain Allen & Co. ran the General Store and Postoffice from 1860 to 1905.

Joseph Foster and Hugh McCort were famous for the wagons, sleighs and general blacksmith work.

John Robinson famous for Boots and Shoes and has been in Malton since 1860 and the son carries on the business in the same stand.

The 6th. Line was a planked road in early days, and as many as 50 teams from the north country wended their way to Toronto in a day, with grain and produce and usually made Grahamsville Hotel "The Magnet" run by Robert Bell, the stopping place for the night.

Hon. J. C. Aikins was member for Peel, and his brother J.A.M.Aikins became the Lieut- Governor of Manitoba. Sir James A.M.Aikins as he was at that time, was born on the 6th Line near Malton.

The Graham family lived across the road, afterwards moving to Meadowvale.
The Rowlands are still on the Col. Baldwin farm near Malton, and the Culhams are on the Graham property.

I could write for hours, but much of this may not be of any use to you, but would be glad to furnish you with any other information later.

Daniel Allen,
300 Furby St.
Winnipeg, Man.

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The Conservator
13th January 1938.

F. J. Speers

Names Transposed In Reunion Story

In a front-page story in The Conservator last week telling about a reunion dinner on New Year's Day at the home of Mrs. R. J. Speers at Mount Charles, there occurred a most regrettable error. The statement was made that Mrs. Speers' father had been a blacksmith at Malton for 42 years. To scores of readers, particularly in that part of the county, the absurdity of this must have been apparent readily. It should have been stated that Mrs. Speers' husband, the late Robert Speers, had been a blacksmith at Elmbank, a short distance south-west of Malton, for 42 years. For ten years he carried on the same trade at Mount Charles. It was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Speers at Elmbank that the first rural telephone in the district was installed when a line from Weston was built through that area about 27 years ago. The Conservator is not only pleased but also anxious to make this correction in view of the fact that Mr. Speers was so widely and favourably known as a craftsman in his own line in this important pioneer section of Peel county.

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PETER SPEIRS OLDEST MAN

Played Violin at Family's Reunion at Ferndale Park

One of the largest gatherings at Ferndale Park for some years was held on Saturday, June 18th, when the Patrick Speirs clan held their second annual reunion. Upwards of two hundred and fifty people sat down to the dinner, after which a good program was given. Miss Elsie Elliott gave a piano solo; Miss Ruth Giffen, a solo; Peter Speirs, the oldest member of the clan there, rendered violin selections; Miss Margaret Silverthorn, a solo, and Miss Margaret McMeekin gave a reading.

Addresses were given by Clarence Wiggins, Gordon Graydon, Robt. Speirs, Toronto, and Norman Hunter, before the gathering left the hall to take part in the sports. The oldest lady of the clan, Mrs. John Speirs, Mayfield, was presented with a bouquet of roses. Peter Speirs, 85, was the oldest gentleman present and he was also remembered. The youngest child present was Roy Giffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Laidlaw, Norval, and he received a silver spoon. A prize was awarded to the largest family present, the winners being Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Archdekin, of Mayfield.

A lengthy program of races were conducted, some of the prize winners were: Boys under 6 years — Mary Speirs, Ruth Speirs. Boys under 6—Jimmie Archdekin, Tommie Archdekin. Girls under 9—Viola Archdekin, Jean Davis. Boys under 9—Hunter Cation, Clure Archdekin. Girls under 12—Evelyn Archdekin, Jeanette Archdekin. Boys under 12—Hunter Cation, Clure Cation. Girls under 14 — Ethel Cation, Jeanette Archdekin. Boys under 14 — Gordon Campbell, Wilmer Cation. Girls open—Annie Roden, Ethel Cation. Boys, open—Elmore Archdekin, Gordon Lindsay. Married men—Grant Elliott, R. J. Rutherford. Married ladies—Mrs. Hector Bird, Mrs. Kerwood Anderson. Fat ladies—Mrs. Grant Elliott, Mrs. J. J. Campbell. Balloon race—Annie Roden, Elsie Elliott. Candle race—Robt. Speirs and Ruth Giffen, Harry Shields and Rebey Shields. Men, 25 yards' walk—John McMeekin, George Elliott, Jack Giffen. Hop, step and jump—Bob Speirs. Broad jump—Gordon Lindsay. Fat men—Grant Elliott, R. J. Rutherford. Three-legged race—Jack Giffen, Edgar Shields.

It was decided to hold the next reunion at the same place in two years. The following officers were elected: President, Joe Speirs; 1st vice-president, Clarence Wiggins; 2nd vice-president, Robert Speirs, Toronto; treasurer, Archie Speirs; secretary, Miss Elsie Elliott.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring president, Kerwood Anderson, and to the different committees in charge.

Peter Speirs, an ex-warden of Peel County, and one of the prominent members at the gathering, read a very interesting biography of John Bleakley, his grandfather, an early Canadian pioneer.

John Bleakley was a British soldier who served The Royal Horse Artillery, in the Penninsular War under Sir John Moore and the Duke of Wellington. He came to Canada in 1812 and was at the Battle of Queenston Heights, Lundy's Lane and Chippewa Creek. After peace was declared in 1814, the regiment was ordered home to England to fight Napoleon Bonaparte, who had escaped from Elba. While they were waiting at Quebec, word came that Waterloo Battle had taken place, that the soldiers in Canada had the choice of remaining in Canada and receiving 100 acres of land free, or passage back to England to be disbanded.

John Bleakley decided to remain in Canada. He returned to Muddy York, (later called Toronto) and was employed for a short time by a banker called Ridout. While there he met a land surveyor, and gave him £1 to pick out for him a good 100 acre farm. He got in that way, lot 7, on the west side of the fifth line in Chingdacousy in 1817.

He married Frances Ensign a servant girl in the Ridout home, and moved to the farm, being one of the first to settle in that disrict. Frances Ensign was the daughter of a British soldier who left the United States after the Americans gained independence along with some U.E. Loyalists. She worked for Governor Simcoe at the town of Niagara. While in his employment she contracted smallpox, a common ailment in those days. It is related that some Indians broke into the Governor's house, intending to harm them but when they saw the girl with smallpox, they ran for their lives, shouting, "Peepox! peepox!" She afterwards went with the Governor's family to York and Montreal.

When John Bleakley settled on his farm, they lived first in an army tent, until they built a log shanty. They had no lumber. They had no window nor door nor floor. The roof was made of bark; the floor was made of clay. The bed was made of cedar or hemlock branches, on which they laid skins of deer, wolf and bear. The fireplace was just a circle of stones. There was no chimney. the smoke just made its way through the roof. The wild animals crossed over the roof and sometimes they kept the fire going all night to keep the animals at a safe distance.

He was a trumpeter in the army. Having his trumpet, he used to blow the trumpet at night so that any straggler who might be lost in the woods could find his way out, finding a welcome at Bleakley's home.

John Bleakley and his wife had only one child, Mary, who was nearly burned to death while a child, carrying the scars to her death bed. She married Adam Speirs and moved to the farm at lot 19, on the third line.

Many of the Giffen boys worked for a while at John Bleakley's when they first landed in this country.

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Speirs Family Attends Rally

Over 200 Members At Ferndale Park

Over 200 members of the Speirs clan gathered from various sections of Peel County Saturday for the family reunion at Ferndale Park.

During the program, which was in charge of Curwood Anderson, president, piano selections were given by Elsie Elliott, readings by Margaret McMeekin, solos by Margaret Silverthorn and Ruth Giffen, and violin solos by Peter Speirs.

Addresses were given by the oldest man present, Peter Speirs, other speakers including R. M. Speirs, Clarence Wiggins, Gordon Graydon and Hector Bird.

Prizes were awarded the oldest present, Mr. Peter Speirs, while Roy Giffens Laidlaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Laidlaw, won the prize for being the youngest present. The prize for the largest family went to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Archdeacon.

The luncheon committee was headed by Mrs. John McCullough, while Mrs. Gordon Graydon is retiring secretary of the association. Officers for next year are: Pres., Joseph Speirs; vice-pres., Clarence Wiggins; second vice-pres., R. M. Speirs; sec., Elsie Elliott; treas., Archie Speirs.

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SPEIRS REUNION

The third reunion of the Patrick Speirs Clan was held at Ferndale Park, Cheltenham on Saturday, June 16th, 1934, with the President, Joseph T. Speirs, in charge. About one hundred and seventy were present.

Dinner was served in the pavilion under the capable managmeent of Mrs. Herbert Campbell, Brampton, and her committee. The tables looked most tempting with their bountiful spread and floral directions.

Following dinner a delightful programme was presented, with Joseph E. Gray, Toronto, acting as chairman. In Memoriam, in memory of those who have passed on to their reward since the last reunion. Clarence Wiggins, Brampton, welcomed the guests and expressed how glad he was to see so many of his friends again. A musical number was given by Miss Mary Campbell and a reading by Master J. C. Anderson.

Mr. Joseph Bennett, of Toronto, who was formerly a teacher in Mayfield school, S.S. No. 14, gave an interesting talk on remembrances of his school teaching days of this school. Brief addresses were given by Robert Spiers of Toronto, John McMeekin, Mt. Pleasant and Kerwood Anderson Mayfield. The afternoon was then given over to a program of sports for all. Much pleasure was derived in recalling old times and friendships and all are looking forward to another good time in 1936 when the clan will assemble again.

Officers elected for 1936 are as follows: President, Clarence Wiggins, Brampton; 1st vice-president, Robert M. Spiers, Toronto; 2nd vice-president, Jos. E. Gray, Toronto; secretary, Miss Jean Giffen, Alloa; treasurer, Kenwood Anderson, Brampton.

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Have Fifth Reunion

FERNDALE PARK.—Descendants of Patrick Speirs held their fifth reunion at Ferndale Park on Tuesday, about two hundred members of this well known clan being in attendance. Mrs. John Speirs of Brampton was the oldest person present, and William Speirs, Manitoba, was the person coming from the greatest distance. Officers elected were: President, Robert Speirs, Toronto; vice-presidents, Peter Goodfellow, Bolton; and Joseph E. Gray, Toronto; secretary, Miss Jeanette Archdeacon, Mayfield; treasurer, Norman L. Hunter, Brampton. There was a good program of sports and an excellent dinner was provided by the park management.

Peter Speirs Esq.,
Ex-Warden of Peel 151

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3. How did they come?

4. Where did they first settle?

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5. Why did they settle there in particular?

The Speirs & the Giffen Famelys were Neighbours in Renfrewshire Scotland in correspondence with the Giffens who had came to Canada earlier they gave such glowing accounts of Chinguacousy that they came and bought land & they all lived and died here in Peel County and all the old Generation of Speirs lies buried in Peel County

6. Where else did your family live in the county?

7. What was the first work that the pioneers undertook after they had found their land?

They cleared more land I can remember them chopping down valuable trees in windrows after the wood got dry it was burnt I remember of logging bees all the Neighbours would gather bring their oxen and haul the logs into big piles running races who would get so much land stripped of fallen timber. I tell you there was lots of Whiskey drunk at them Bees sometimes there would be a fight I remember lots of Quilting apple bees after all the apples was pared strung on twine & hung up in the back kitchen I had to get my fiddle and the Lads & Lassies would dance till Daylight

8. Did they build their houses first, or clear the soil, or arrange some sort of shelter for their livestock?

Well I have heard my Father tell about clearing the first 10 acres then built a log Shanty to live in but it was not good enough to suit my Mother So He had to clear more land and build a better House before She would Marry him

9. What methods did they use in clearing the land?

10. What were their first crops?

11. Did they do much hunting and fishing, or was most of their livelihood taken from the land?

I think mostly from the land I can remember my Grandfather shooting black Squirrells and Grandmother cooking them makeing a most delecious Stew

12. What sort of farm tools did they have, and to what extent did they make these themselves?

I can remember the first reaping machine that came into our Neighbourhood it was a big clumbey affair Uncle William Speirs & my Father Adam Speirs bought it took 3 horses to pull it the driver sat up on a seat high over the driveing wheel the man that shoved the sheaves off stood on the platform inside a frame had a big reel to whip the wheat back from the knife it took 5 men to bind after the reaper My Brother & me took turns ridding the head horse when the men bound the sheaf on its middle if the grame end of the sheaf was heavier than the butt end the boss had to supply the men with whiskey many a time I had to go to Tullamore to get the whiskey rideing on horse back carring a 3 gallon jug of whiskey which only had to pay 3 york Shilling a gallon for it

13. What sort of dishes did they have?

A york shilling is 12½ cts

14. What sort of furniture?

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15. Do. clothing?

16. What were their houses like?

17. How large?

18. How furnished?

any antiques

19. Do you recall any catastrophes which put back the early settlers?

I remember the time of the midge in the wheat a small orange maggot in every grane of wheat the farmers had to get a wheat called midge proof also I remember the bug in the peas they had to stop growing peas " " " the plage of Catterpillars that distroyed lots of apple orchards

20. Any fires?

28. What methods of transportation were used?

I can remember hauling wheat to Lampton Mills heavy wagon & team
also taking Barley to Toronto to Davies brewery at the Don
" " " to Port Credit and loading it on a Schooner
my Father & Grandfather had shares in the plank road from Claireville
to Weston

29. Were tea, coffee and sugar among the supplies?

I remember when tea was so expensive our Women roasted
Peas and ground them in a coffee grinder & used it for drink

30. What sort of fruit did they have?

We had lots of wild raspberries Wild plums also Cherries & pears

31. ~~What~~ Did they have much, or did they depend largely upon wild fruit?

yes

32. Did they start their orchards right away?

Both my Grandfather & Father had large orchards they got the apple
trees from a nursery man called Messrs down the 5th line Toronto
Township near Burnathorpe road

33. Where and how did they get their first cows?

They got their first Durham breed cows from John Snell

34. Do. first pigs?

also their Birkshire Hogs from John Snell

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35. Do. their first poultry?

36. Do. their first sheep?

37. Do. their first horses?

Brampton July 1st 1932

Dear Mr Bull I am trying to answer some of yours
Questionar in my own simple way hope it may please you
I will also send you my Histories of the Patrick Speirs and the
John Bleakley trusting they may be of some use to you
will you please return the Histories when you are through
with them and oblige yours truley

Peter Speirs

Brampton Box 577
Mill St South

Please return-fwd
W.T.B.

Peter Speirs Esq.. 1 63248

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Copy of Questionaire.

1.Where did your family come from?

The Speirs Family came from Renfrewshire, Scotland, in 1834. Correct

My grandfather Bleakley was a British soldier, an Englishman. born in Lankashire joined the army. very young as a bugeler was always with the Officers was sent by them to sound the command a regement to advance or retire by the sound of the bugely had 3 horses killed in battle While in action under him in Spain

He married Frances Ensign who was the daughter of a British soldier, a native of the United States. Who Came with his family to Canada about 1780

He left the U.S. & settled in Canada sometime in 1780. A U.E. Loyalist.

They formerly lived at a place called Cherry vallie. is situated someplace near the Mohawk River in New York State

The Indians were murdering all of the white settlers.

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They were glad to get a home under the protection of the British Flag.

They settled near Niagara Falls.

The seat of Canada West Government was at Niagara Falls.

The Lieutenant Governor and his family lived (Lord Simcoe) there.

So my grandmother while a young girl was a servant girl with them.

The Small Pox was very severe at that time.

The Indians were dying of Small Pox by the 100s.
So I was tola

The girl had the small pox.
Correct

A Band of Indians broke into the Governor Generals house intending to murder them all. When they saw the girl they ran for their lives yelling Po Pox, Po Pox.
I often heard her tell of the brutal murdors done by the Indians when She was a Girl

So she was the means of saving the lives of the Governor's family. So She said

She afterwards went to Montreal and back to Muddy York, as it was called later (Toronto). That would be after Peace was declared with the Americans in 1814.

She often told us about the voyage down Lake Ontario to Montreal in a sailing vessel with the Governor's Family. She dident like Montreal to many Frenchmen after She came back to Maddy York She was nurse Girl in the Ridouet Family

I know very little more about the Ensign family.

Peter Speirs.

there was only 1 man akin of the Insigns ever came to see Grandmother his name was Chamberlie He came from Waterford

Return to Histoyy of the Speirs family who came to Peel County in 1834.

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7. What was the first work that the pioneers undertook after they had found their land?

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I can remember them chopping down valuable trees in windrows.

all correct

After the wood got dry it was burnt.

I remember of logging bees, all the neighbours would gather, bring their oxen and haul the logs into big piles, running races who would get so much land stripped of fallen timber.

I tell you there was lots of whiskey drunk at them Bees. I remember a fight of Two Drunk Men one a Cathlock Moriss Hearn the other a Protestant Wm Bailey they rolled over oneanother on the ground both out of wind Hearn was on top Baily reached up and pulled Hearn down and got Hearns lower lip in his teeth & chewed it untill Hern could stick his tongue through a hole in his lower lip it was a brutal sight it was after a logging bee for Thomas Aschdekins Hotell Keeper Whiskey caused it

Sometimes there would be a fight.

I remember lots of pairing apple bees.

After all the apples was pared, strung on twine & hung up in the back kitchen, I had to get my fiddle and the lads & lassies would dance till daylight.

many a one I supplied the music for just thank you

8. Did they build their houses first, or clear the

soil, or arrange some sort of shelter for their live-stock? I can not say

Well I have heard my father tell about clearing the first 10 acres then built a log shanty to live in, but it was not good enough to suit my mother so he had to clear more land and build a better house before she would marry him.

11. Did they do much hunting and fishing, or was most of their livelihood taken from the land?

I think mostly from the land. I can remember my grandfather shooting black squirrels and grandmother cooking them, making a most delicious stue.(stew)
Correct

12. What sort of farm tools did they have, and to what extent did they make these themselves?

I can remember the first reaping machine that came into our neighbourhood.

It was a big clumsey affair.
Correct

Uncle William Speirs & my father, Adam Speirs, bought it.

It took 3 horses to pull it.

The driver sat up on a seat high over the driving wheel. The man that shoved the sheaves off stood on the platform inside a frame had a big reel to whip the wheat back from the knife.

the man on the platform had a three pronged fork wooden prongs one long the next shorter next shorter. He had to handle it quick to shove off the sheaves

It took 5 men to bind after the reaper.

My brother and me took turns riding the head horse.

When the men bound the 1st sheaf in its middle, if the grain end of the sheaf was heavier than the but end, the boss had to supply the men with whiskey many a time.

I remember the first Whiskey I drank was when I came back from Tullamore with the 3 gal jug I got off the horse at a jump took a tin cup of Whiskey drank it I managed to get to the first man with the bottle & crawled under a stooke of wheat they had quite a hunt for me that night

I had to go to Tullamore to get the whiskey, riding on horseback, carrying a 3 gallon jug of whiskey, which

only had to pay 3 york shilling a gallon for it.

A york shilling is 12½ cts.

19. Do you recall any catastrophes which put back the early settlers?

I remember the time of the midge in the wheat.

A small orange maggot in every grain of wheat.

The farmers had to get a wheat called midge proof.

Also I remember the bug in the peas. They had to stop growing peas.

Also I remember the plague of caterpillars that destroyed lots of apple orchards.

28. What methods of transportation were used?

I can remember hauling wheat to Lampton Mills. Heavy waggon & team.

all correct

Also taking Barley to Toronto to Davis's brewery at the Don river.

Also taking barley to Port Credit and loading it on a schooner.

My father and grandfather had shares in the plank road from Clairville to Weston.

they lost money in this venture

I remember when tea was so expensive our woman roasted peas and ground them in a coffee grinder & used it for drink.

We had lots of wild raspberries, wild plums. also cherries and peas.

32. Did they start their orchards right away?

Both my grandfather and father had large orchards.

They got the apple trees from a nursery man called Messres down the 5th line, Toronto Township, near

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Burnhamthorpe road.

They got their first Durham breed cows from John Snell.

Also their Berkshire hogs from John Snell.

also Cotswold Sheep

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Brampton,

July 1st. 1932.

Dear Mr. Bull;

I am trying to answer some of your questionaire in my own simple way. Hope it may please you. I will also send you my Histories of the Patrick Speirs and the John Bleakley. Trusting they may be of some use to you.

Will you please return the histories when you are through with them, and oblige

Yours truly,

Peter Speirs,

Brampton

Box 577

Mill st. South.

P.S. where entry file refers W.E.B.

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of the original Speirs Family who came to Canada from Scotland in 1834. They crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a Sailing vessel taking 17 weeks to cross.

Correct

Pattrick Speirs

Born March 1787 at the Mill of Gryfe Bridge of Weir Refrewshire, Scotland.

taking from the old Family Bible in my possession

Mary Ritchie

Born November 2nd, 1787 at the Brig of Johnston Renfrewshire, Scotland-- --

ditto

Pattrick Speirs and Mary Ritchie was married at the residence of the Brides Father Ward End Kilbarchan Scotland on the 20th June 1809.

ditto

The children of whom was all born at the Mill of Gryfe Bridge of Weir Scotland.

ditto

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Pattrick Speirs	born	29th April,	1810		63257
John	"	"	2nd May	1812	
William	"	"	25th May	1814	
Adam	"	"	3rd May	1816	
James	"	"	14th Nov.	1818	
Janet Gibson	"	"	14th Aug.	1821	
Mary	"	"	1st Dec.	1826	
Robert	"	"	4th Feb.	1829	
Mary	"	"	18th Sept.	1832.	

ditto

From what I was told the first Mary was drowned in the Mill race in Scotland and the Second Mary died at Sea and their second son John who had come to Canada in 1833 the year the colera plague was so bad in Montreal. He took the colera and had died just 6 weeks in Montreal before they arrived there.

Correct

The eldest son was married in Scotland to Elizabeth Lang bringing her a Bride to Canada with him.

right

I might go a little further with the history of the Speirs Family.

Peter Speirs

Family Register.

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When they came to Chinguacousy township, County of Peel, He bought of a Mr. Wolf, paying cash for it, 80 acres of lot 19 and 50 acres of lot 20 in 3rd con east. Wolf moved out & they moved in taking possession of whatever stock, horses, cattle, sheep or hogs, fowl and household impliments & furniture Wolf owned.

correct

Later he bought 200 acres on lot 26 on the 5th con east for his eldest son Pattrick.

right

Later he bought 200 acres lot 20 in the 4th con east. 100 acres for William & 100 acres for James.

right

Later he bought 100 acres lot 19 west half of the 4th con all in Chinguacousy, the last farm was for his son Adam Speirs who is the Father of the writer of this History. This is my Fathers farm where I was born He bought from Robert Archdekin who had the Crown deed which I have in my possession dated 18 day of october 1827 it is written on parchment with a large seal with Brittish coat of arms on one side & Crown & ankor on the other

Peter Speirs.

Family Register.

History of the Speirs continued:

Their eldest son Pattrick Speirs just lived about three years on his farm when he died leaving a daughter called Elizabeth and a son called Pattrick.

Correct

They lived with their grandparents until they got married.

Correct

Elizabeth married to Robert Giffen.

Correct

They had 12 children, 6 boys & 6 girls.

the Robert Giffen Family He had been married before to Mary Armstrong who died & left 2 Daughters Mary & Margaret Giffen I was married to Mary Giffen on the 6th of January 1870 We had 9 Children 5 Boys and 4 Daughters twin Daughters died in infancy

Pattrick Speirs was married to Margaret Hunter.

Correct

They had 8 daughters and 1 son.

Correct

William Speirs was married first to Ann Hunter.

They had a Daughter Mary who was married to Peter Archdeakin a Son of Thomas Archdeakin Who Kept the Hotell at Mayfield for 40 yrs.

History of the Speirs continued:

She died leaving 1 daughter. Then he married again to Janet Scott. They had three sons.

William Speirs kept store & was Post Master at Mayfield for over 50 years in the early years He bought grain Farmers from Caledon brought wheat on sleighs drawn by oxen stored in a granary & neighbours with horses draw it on sleighs to Howlands Mill at Lampton Mills and other Mills in Winter Mayfield had Store. Hotell. Blacksmith. Wagon maker Shoemaker Taylor Weaver and Schools & churches

Adam Speirs was married to Mary Bleakly.

Correct

They had two sons & eight daughters.

Frances. John. Peter. Mary. Sarah. Jannet. Bella. Susan. Rachel. & Annie

James Speirs died a Batchelor.

Correct

Janet Gibson Speirs was married first to Thomas Robson. John & Thomas. Mary & Janie

They had 2 sons & 2 daughters.

Correct

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He died & she married again to Hugh Craig.

Correct

They had 3 sons.

He moved with his second Family to Arrow Rock Missouri U S A in 1865

Robert Speirs was married to Betsey Campbell.

Correct

They had 1 daughter and 4 sons.

He moved with his Family to the Tp of Flos County of Simes in 1875

The 2 Marys died in infantcy.

Correct

My recollection of Pattrick Speirs. He was a very stout built man, about 5 ft. 10 inches tall.

He was a Miller in Scotland a very Strong Man

Chest measure 48 inches.

Family Register.

History of the Speirs continued.

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He was very stern in his manner, talked very broad Scotch.

His wife, Mary Ritchey, her maiden name, was a tall winsome pleasant woman.

She would interpret the meaning of his broad Scotch to us grandchildren. He would scold her saying, Kan I no tell it mysell Ritchie?

I remember they always liked to have us children around when it was time to put the reading by at night.

She would get the big Family Bible and say, Come Peter,.. put the reading by.

He would read a Psalm which they would sing them.

He would read a chapter after which he would pray.

She liked to gather us children around her and show us the pictures in that big Family Bible, explaining all about them.

Before He died he gave me that big old Family Bible which I still have in my possession.

Peter Speirs.

Questionnaire sent to Mr. Adam B. Speirs.

What were the Christian names of:

Mrs. John Silverthorn? Margaret Maud

Mrs. W. Glover? Emma

The infant twin daughters of Peter Speirs and Margaret ~~Crozier~~? Mary Giffen

The twin daughters died at about 14 weeks old.
Mary & Margaret.

Had the late Peter Speirs any other children by either marriage? If so, give names and dates.

No family by Margaret Crozier.
R. M. Speirs of Toronto principle of Frankland School is my brother. he married Jennie McClure they had three sons Ray. Gordon. & Murry.

Whom did your son, Ingram Speirs, marry, and what children has he? Ada Coleman at Sudbury.
has three children.
June. Roland. Jackilone.
12 years 10 years 5 years
I have a daughter Shirley she married to
Donald Beamer of Grimsby they have one son 8 months old John Donald

What were the christian names of the following sisters of the late Peter Spiers:

Mrs. John Cole? Rachel.

Mrs. C. Irvine? Bella.

Did any of Peter Speirs' other sisters marry, and if so whom:

Annie? Albert Edward Cole. Grimsby.

Frances? Mrs Large. Mrs Beals. & Mrs Drinkwater
she had two sons & two daughters by Large & 1 son by Drinkwater

Mary? never married

Sarah? married John Forman had three sons.

Janet? never married.

Bella? Mrs C Irvine.

Susan? Mrs Joseph Bennet Toronto

Rachel? Mrs John Cole. } brothers.
Annie. Mrs A.E. Cole

Do you know a John Henry Spiers (1875-1913) who married Sarah McDougall and had one son, ~~Peter~~? Is he connected with your branch of the family, and if so, how? J.H. Speirs was my youngest brother
he had two daughters & no son.
His wife was Sarah Mc. Dougal

How does your branch of the family spell the name Speirs? this is correct.

Extra Question

Who was the father of William Speirs of Manitoba, the person coming from the greatest distance to the Speirs reunion in 1936? John Speirs

Who was his mother? Martha Gray

Who was his wife? I cannot say

Who were his children? he has a boy & girl

How are the Elliots tied up with the family?

Mrs George Elliots mother was a doughter of William Speirs and he was an older brother of my grandfather Adam Speirs
William Speirs had three sons. William John & Henry and one daughter Mary who married Peter Archdekin

How are the Wiggins's tied up with the family?

My father had one brother John who married Mary Marshall they had two daughters & one son Margaret married Wesley Wiggins & they had one son Clarance Wiggins and Mary died as a child and John the son married Miss Trouton and lives in Brampton

How are the Graydons tied up with the family?

How are the Birds tied up with the family?

if I saw you I might tell you how the Birds are conected it is a long story.

Who was the Mrs. John Speirs of Mayfield who received flowers in 1832 as the oldest lady at the Speirs reunion? Martha Gray

This pair had twelve children
William Speirs of Manitoba is their oldest son
if you are in Brampton you can see this old lady
at her daughters place Mrs William Reed.
Queen St. East

What information can you give me as to the descendants of Robert Speirs and his wife, Elizabeth (Betsy) Campbell. This man is a brother of my grandfather he had four sons & one daughter
Peter, Sandie, Adam, Robert & Mary.
Sandie Married and had a family I have never seen
They are all dead.

How will I get in touch with Joseph Speirs, one-time president of the Speirs reunion?
Joseph Speirs lives on the home sted at Mayfield his mail root is Brampton

Who is R. M. Speirs, and what is his line of descent from the original Patrick?
He is my brother & Patrick Speirs would be his great great grandfather.

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General Questionnaire

Was Harry Spiers, O.S.A., who painted and drew in Meadowvale about 1904 a relative of your family, and if so, in what way? I do not no if this is the brother of William & John if he is you might find out through Joseph he would be Joseph's uncle

To what branch of the family does A. Spiers, 1931 director of the Peel Seed Growers Co-operative Society, belong? no relation as far as I no.

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Questionnaire sent to Joseph E. Gray

Peter Speirs, (1836-1908) married Margaret ~~-------~~ Hunter, (1833-1925). Was Mrs. Speirs' name Margaret? Yes

He was known as Pate Speirs but his name was not Patrick.

Who was Peter's father? Patrick b. Apr 29. 1810.

What was the name of the Goodfellow who married Laura ~~Annie~~ Speirs and who were their children? Alexander

Children: 1. James
2. Peter
3. Alexander
4 Laura

Who was the daughter who married William Caldwell and who were her children? Elizabeth

Children:
1. Edna

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Who was the daughter who married George Mitchell and who were her children? Leilada

Children: 1. Martha
2. Edith
3. Robert
4. Earl
5. George
6. Albert

Who was the daughter who married Fred Maw and who were her children? Margaret

Children 1-2. William and Thomas - twins
3. Oscar
4. Seward
5. Edith

Who was the daughter who married C. Anderson and who were her children? Mary

Children: 1. Kenwood

Was Edith P. (1889-1903) a daughter of Peter Speirs and his wife, Miss Hunter? Yes, a nurse.

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Ann

Would you be good enough, please, to give me the name and trace the descendants of Peter Speirs' daughter, who married William J. Gray, giving birth and death dates wherever possible?

Children 1. Melville born Sept. 8, 1888. died Mar 31, 1890

2. Norman b. Dec 18, 1893 married Stelle Evans
One child: Doris b. Apr 9. 1923.

3. Laura b. June 26. 1897
married Andrew Ivan Kake
Two children: 1. Fern
2. Edith

Wm. J. Gray died March 1929.

Did Peter Speirs' daughter Janice marry, and if so, who were her children? Please give birth and death dates wherever possible. No.

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Peter Speirs of Bolton is a son of Peter of the Questionnaire, who was known to us as uncle Pate. This probably led some people to think his name was Patrick.

The late Peter Speirs of Brampton told me of a ~~Patrick~~ Peter, the grandson of the original Patrick whose dates approximate Peter's, and who married a Margaret Hunter. Was this man connected with Peter of Bolton? Same.

Children of Peter Speirs of Bolton, son of Peter,

1. George
2. Howard
3. Edith
4. Robert
5. Douglas
6. Isabel

Do you know of John Henry Speirs (1875-1913) who married Sarah McDougall and had one son, Peter? Is he connected with your branch of the family, and if so, how?

John Henry Speirs was a son of the late Peter Speirs of Brampton. He had two daughters but no son.

1. Edith
2. Margaret

How does your branch of the family spell the name Speirs? Speirs.

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ackd by letter Sept 15/37 (WHM)

Questionnaire sent to Archie Speirs, Esq.

What were the birth and ~~death~~ dates of Martha Gray?
born Nov 27th 1854 still living

Whom did each of the following sons of John Speirs and Martha Gray marry, and what children had each?

William? Rosa Wilson
son Vernon daughter Elsie

Wil~~bur~~ Anna Norberg
Sons Wilbur, Loyd daughter Electa

Henry J.? not married

Almer? Rachel Moffat
no children

Ernest? Annabelle Brown
son Donald

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I understand it was your sister Margaret who married Kenneth Hunter. Have they any children, and if so, what are their names?

Son Roy Hunter

Which sister married Herbert Campbell, and what are her children's names?

Janet son Gordon

Which sister married James Wilson and what are her children's names?

Martha son Bruce daughter Jean

Has Euphemia or Mabel Speirs married yet, and if so, whom?

Euphemia married the late William Reed
Mabel married son Earl Burton Henson daughters Viola & Edith

What are the names of your own children? I have record only vaguely of four daughters and a son.

daughters Mary, Ruth, Laura, Gwendolyn, Hazel, and son John.

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Hawthorn

Do you know of John ~~Henry~~ Speirs (1875-1913) who married Sarah McDougall and had ~~one~~ sons ~~Peter~~? Is he connected with your branch of the family, and if so, how? But two daughters Edith married to Frank Carnie and Marguarite not married

He was son of Peter Speirs and Peter was son of Adam son of Patrick

How does your branch of the family spell the name?

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Extra Questions

Who was the father of William Speirs of Manitoba, the person coming from the greatest distance to the Speirs reunion in 1936? John Speirs
He is my oldest brother

Who was his mother? Martha Gray

Who was his wife? Rosa Wilson

Who were his children?
son Vernon daughter Elsie

How are the Elliots tied up with the family?
Mr George Elliots was married to Elsie Archdekin. Her mother was a Speirs. A half sister of my father John Speirs

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How are the Wiggins's tied up with the family?
Wesley Wiggins married Maggie Speirs daughter of John Speirs who was son of Adam Speirs brother of my Grand father William

How are the Graydons tied up with the family?
Gordon Graydon married a daughter of Peter Giffen and his mother was a Speirs a half sister of my Grand father, William

How are the Birds tied up with the family?
Mr Bird married Miss Me Mathias and her mother was a Giffen a sister of Peter Giffen

Who was the Mrs. John Speirs of Mayfield who received flowers in 1952 as the oldest lady at the Speirs reunion? Martha Gray my mother

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What information can you give me as to the descendants of Robert Speirs and his wife, Elizabeth (Betsy) Campbell, second generation in this country?

They had Peter Adam and Robert not married Alexander married I don't know his wife's name They had 6 boys and 4 girls. There are 4 boys William Clifford Clarence and John still alive and two girls Mary and Amelia They live at Phelpstone. Ohio

How will I get in touch with Joseph Speirs, one-time president of the Speirs reunion?

His address is Brampton R.R.1

Who is R. M. Speirs, and what is his line of descent from the original Patrick?

His father the late Peter was son of Adam who was son of Patrick

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Genreal Questionnaire

Was Harry Spiers, O.S.A., who painted and drew in Meadowvale about 1904 a relative of your family, and if so, in what way? no

To what branch of the family does A. Spiers, 1931 director of the Peel Seed Growers Co-operative Society, belong?

Archie Speirs son of John Speirs and Martha Speirs

signed by

Archie Speirs

Brampton R.R.1

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Married 12 Dec., 1936 -

Jas. Elmer Torrance, Caledon, Ont., & Margaret Aileen Speers, Caledon twp.

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Mono & Albion

Married 1 Jan., 1896 -

Jno. Rathburn Crawford, Simcoe co., & Elizabeth

Ann Speers, Caledon twp.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Married 4 Dec., 1935 -

Gordon Ernest McCandless, "Township of Caledon, Mono Mills, Dufferin County", & Annie Isabelle Speers, "Township of Caledon, County of Dufferin".

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Married 1 Jan., 1896 -

Wm. Crawford, Albion twp., & Emma Speers, Caledon twp.

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Mono & Albion

Married 19 July, 1893 -

Wm. Thos. McKinley, Caledon twp., & Jemima

Speers, Caledon twp.

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Marriages, Baptisms & Burials

Mono & Albion

Married, 13th April 1887 -

George Nelson and Margaret Ann Speers, both of Caledon twp.

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Mono & Albion

Married 1 Jan., 1895 -

David McMullen of Albion twp. & Margaret Jane

Speers of Caledon twp.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Elva Alice Speers, b. 21 Nov., 1924, dtr. of

Geo.
~~Xxxxxxxx~~ (former) & Alice Speers, Mono Mills.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Annie Isabelle & Mary Irene, ~~twx~~ b. 15 May, 1913,

dtrs. of Archie (farmer) & Ida Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Emmerson Victor, b. 10 Apr., 1911, s. of

Archibald (farmer) & Ida Speers, 6th line

Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Jas. Elwood, b. 15 Feb., 1919, s. of Archie

(farmer) ~~Spencer~~ & Ida Speers, 6th line Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Married 19 June, 1912 -

Jos. Alex. Babe, Mono twp. (Blount P.O.) & Jennie Speers, Caledon twp.

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St. John's Mono Mills
Account Book

May Anne, b. 7 June, 1869, dtr. of Robt. &
May Speers.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Mildred May, b. 9 May, 1917, dtr. of Richard (farmer) & Millie Speers, 3rd line Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Married 14 Feb., 1912 -

Geo. Hy. McKee, Star City, Sask., & Annie

Flocilla ~~the~~ Pearl Speers, Caledon twp.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Married 1 Jan., 1890 -

Richard Speers & Sarah Holmes, both of Caledon twp.

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Mono & Albion

Married 17 Apr., 1889 -

Wm. Speers of Caledon twp. & Sarah Catherine

Purdon of Mono twp.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Harold Alex., b. 29 Jan., 1909, s. of Archibald (farmer) & Ida Speers, Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Norman Wesley, b. 25 Feb., 1906, s. of Archibald (farmer) & Ida Speers, Caledon.

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Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Fredrick, b. 19 Oct., 1891, s. of Alex. (farmer)

& Mary E. Speers, Caledon

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Mono & Albion

Baptized 12 Octr., 1890 -

Wesley Garfield, b. 22 June, 1890, s. of

Alexander (farmer) & Mary E. Speers, Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Viola Gladys, b. 3 Nov., 1904, ~~sn~~ dtr of Alex. D. (farmer)

& Margaret Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Jno. Esmold (?), b. 4 July, 1901, s. of Alex. D. (farmer) & Margaret Spears, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Norman Alex., b. 19 Sept., 1897, & Richard David,

b. 4 Mar., 1899, sons of Margaret & Alex. (D.)

Speers, farmer, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Elgin Leigh, b. 28 Oct., 1895, s. of Alex. (farmer) & Margaret Speers, Caledon.

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Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Merwyn, b. 28 Feb., 1893, s. of Alex. (farmer)

& Margaret Speers, Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Jno. Willis Speers, b. 10 Sept., 1893, s. of Alexander (farmer) & Ann Jane Speers, Albion (Sleswick).

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Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Mary Edna, b. 28 Apr., 1891, dtr. of Alex. (farmer) & Anne Jane Speers, Albion

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Annie Flesilla (?) ~~Flosithe~~ Pearl, b. 7 Dec., 1889, dtr. of

Alex. (farmer) & Ann Jane Speers, Albion.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Richard Jno., b. 12 Sept., 1887, s. of Alex.

(farmer) & Agnes Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Richard Wilkinson Speers, b. 3 Aug., 1912, s. of

Richard D. (farmer) & Millie, Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials
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Baptized -

Hugh Arthur Speers, b. 22 Aug., 1921, s. of Richard D. (farmer) & Millie Speers, Caledon East.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Lois Ellen, b. 22 May, 1926, dtr. of Richard (farmer) & Millie Speers, Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Margaret Irene, b. 5 Oct., 1890, ~~s~~ dtr. of Richard (farmer) & Sarah Speers, Caledon 3rd line.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Mary Ann, b. 11 Oct., 1895, dtr. of Richard (farmer) & Sarah Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Annie Madeline, b. 7 Apr., 1899, dtr. of

Richard (farmer) & Sarah Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Lillian Victoria, b. 7 Feb., 1902, ~~m.~~ dtr of

Richard (farmer) & Sarah Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Florence May, b. 17 Mar., 1904, dtr. of

Richard M. (farmer) & Sarah Spears, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Rubina Grace Speers, b. 21 Aug., 1910, dtr. of

Richard M. (farmer) & Sarah Speers, 3rd line

Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Jas. Norman, b. 12 May, 1894, s. of Robt.

(farmer) & Margaret Speers, Albion.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Alex. Earnest (sic), b. 28 May, 1888, s. of

Thos. (farmer) & Francis (sic) Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized 22 June, 1890 -

John Armstrong, born 25 Dec., 1889, son of

Thos. (farmer) & Frances Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Thos. Wesley, b. 5 Nov., 1891, s. of Thos. (farmer) & Francis (sic) Speers, Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Annie Beatrice, b. 7 Sept., 1893, dtr. of

Thos. (farmer) & Franicis (sic) Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Olive Irene, b. 16 Aug., 1895, dtr. of Tom (farmer) & Francis Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Mary Francis Ruby, b. 22 June, 1903, dtr. of

Thos. (farmer) & Francis Speers, Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized 31 Aug., 1890 -

Stafford Wycliffe, s. of Wm. (farmer) & Sarah C. Speers, Caledon.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized 9 Jan., 1896 -

Florence Pearl, b. 20 July, 1892, dtr. of Wm.

(farmer) & Sarah Speers, Caledon.

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Mono & Albion

Baptized 9 Jan., 1896 -

Wilbert Victor, b. 2 Mar., 1894, s. of Wm.

(farmer) & Sarah Speers, Caledon.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptized 9 Jan., 1896 -

Violet May, b. 6 Oct., 1895, dtr. of Wm. (farmer)

& Sarah Speers, Caledon.

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Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Cecil Alwin, b. 23 May, 1897, s. of Wm. (farmer)

Sarah
&/Catherine Speers, Caledon.

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Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Stanley Thos., b. 8 Feb., 1926, s. of Wm. Thos.

(farmer) & Alice E. Speers, Mono Mills.

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Mono & Albion

Baptized -

Gordon Hy., b. 27 Oct., 1914, s. of Hy. (farmer)

& Mary Ann Speers, 3rd line Caledon.

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Mono & Albion

Baptised -

Margaret Aileen, b. 23 Mar., 1909, dtr. of

Hy. (farmer) & Mary Jane (?) Speers, Caledon.

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Baptized -

Edith Jane Speers, b. Dec., 1910, dtr. of

Richard D. (farmer) & Millie Speers, 3rd line

Caledon.

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Baptisms.

Elizabeth Jane Speers, b. 11 March, 1865, dtr. Robert Geo. &

Margaret Speers, Farmer, Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion.

Baptisms.

Sarah Angelina, b. 23 Jan. 1863, dtr. Robert G. & Margaret Speers, Farmer, Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials,

Mono, & Albion.

William Speers, 77, Farmer, Caledon E.,

buried Forest Cemetery, 18 Aug. 1936

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials,

Mono & Albion.

Mrs. Robert Speers, 80, home, Albion. Townline.

buried 24 Nov. 1934, Caledon E. cemetery.

Marriages, ~~Birk~~ Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion.

Robert Speers, 85 yrs. Farmer. Mono Mills.

buried 26 Dec. 1951. Caledon cemetery.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion.

Robert Speers, 41, ~~Farmer~~ Tanner, Caledon.

buried 28 Jan. 1867

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion.

Archibald Speers, 65, 11 months, 25 ~~yrs.~~ days, Farmer, Caledon.

buried 27 Nov. 1931, Caledon Cemetery

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Ellen Jane, b. 12 Jany. 1880, dtr. Robert & Mary Speers.

Farmer. Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

John Alexander, b. 27 July 1876, s. Robert & Mary Speers,

Farmer. Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Margret Ethel, b. 18 June 1883, dtr. Robert & Eliza Jane Speers.

Labourer, Mono Mills.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

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William, b. 28th (blank) 1880, s. Robert & Eliza Jane Speers.

Labourer, Mono Mills.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms

Ellen Mills, b. 21 April 1877, dtr. Robert & Eliza Jane Speers

Farmer, Albion.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Robert James, b. 22 May 1884, s. Robert Speers, Farmer, Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Margaret Ann, b. 1 Dec. 1876, d.p. Richard & Jane Speers.

Farmer. Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Jane, b. 10 Jan. 1870, dtr. Richard & Jane Speers,

Farmer. Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials,

Mono & Albion

Baptisms

Richard, b. 1 Nov. 1865, s. Richard & Jane Speers, Farmer,

Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms

Elizabeth Ann, b. 18 Dec. 1804, dtr. Alexander & Mary Speers,

Farmer, Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Archibald, b. 31 Dec. 1862, s. Alexander & Mary Speers,

Farmer, Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Margaret
~~Marugert~~ Ann, b. 24 Oct. 1864, dtr. Alexander & Margaret Spears.

Farmer. Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms

Richard, b. 28 June, 1862, s. Alexander & Margaret Speers,

Farmer, Caledon.

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Mourriages, Baptisms, Burials,

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Richard John, b. 12 Sept. 1887, s. Alex. and Agnes Speers.

Farmer.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Jannet, b. 7 March 1886, dtr. Alexander & Agnes Speers,

Farmer, Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Elizabeth Ann, b. 5 Oct. 1884, dtr. Alex. & Agnes Speers.

Farmer, Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Mary Helen, b. 1 July 1883, dtr. Alex. & Agnes Speers,

Farmer. Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Robert Alexander, b. 9 Jan. 1881, s. Alex. & Agnes Speers.

Farmer. Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

William Henry, b. 18 July 1878, s. Alexander & Agnes Speers

Farmer. Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials.

Mono & Albion.

Baptisms.

Margaret Jane, b. 22 Aug. 1879, dtr. Alex. & Agnes Speers.

Farmer, Caledon.

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Baptisms.

Alexander Earnest Speers, b. 28 May 1888, s. Thomas & Francis Speers.

Caledon.

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Marriages, Baptisms & Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms

Margaret, b. 13 Jan. 1862, dtr. William & Margaret Speers,

Farmer, Caledon.

Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Archibald, b. 24th March, 1863.

John, b. 9th April, 1864

sons of ___ (blank) Speirs, Farmer, Caledon, and baptized 4 Mar. 1866

Marriages, Baptisms & Burials

Married 9 Apr., 1863 -

Elener (?)
Ellen Speers & Jas. Bracken, both of Caledon twp.

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Married 4 Nov., 1869 -

Jas. Leighton & Jane Speers, both of Caledon twp.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Thos. Speers, b. Ont., farmer, d. 1897 in 38th year as result of accident. Buried ~~Strachan's~~ Snell's Cemetery, Mono.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Violet May Speers, b. Caledon twp., farmer's dtr., d. 1909, aged 13 yrs. Buried St. John's Cemetery, Mono.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Alex. Speers, b. Ireland, d. 1905 in 87th year.

Buried St. John's Cem., Mono.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Alex. Speers, b. Co. Armagh, farmer, d. 1909 in

82nd yr. Buried St. John's Cem., Mono.

Baptisms, Marriages & Burials
Mono & Albion

Clarence Speers, b. Caledon, s. of Richard Speers, d. 1914, aged 3 weeks.

Buried St. John's Cem., Mono.

Lily Victoria Speers, b. 3rd line Caledon, dtr.

of Richard Speers, farmer, d. 1914 in 12th yr.

Buried Forest Lawn Cem.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Florence Pearl Speers, b. Ont., dtr. of Wm. Speers, d. 1897 in 6th year as result of accident, buried St. John's Cem., Mono.

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Baptisms , Marriages & Burials
Mono & Albion

Jane Speers, b. Ireland, farmer's wife, d. 1907

in 72nd yr. Buried St. John's Cem., Mono.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials
Mono & Albion

Margaret Speers, b. Caledon, farmer's wife, d. in 68th yr. Buried in St. John's Cemetery, Mono, 18 Oct., 1893.

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Baptisms, Marriages & Burials

Mono & Albion

Richard Spears, b. Ireland, farmer, d. 1906 in 87th year.

Buried St. John's Cem., Mono.

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Marriages, Baptisms, Burials

Mono & Albion

Baptisms.

Robert Henry Speers, b. 11 Feb. 1867, s. Robert George & Margt. Speirs

Farmer. Caledon.

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Mono & Albion

Married 29 Mar., 1876 -

Alex. Speers & Agnes Hill, both of Caledon twp.

Patrick Speirs family

MAYFIELD CEM.

SPEIRS, Elizabeth Campbell,
w. of Robert Speirs

d. June 1871, aged 43 yrs.

" Patrick, d. 6 Feb. 1836, aged 26 yrs.
n. of Renfrewshire, Scotland

Speirs, Mary, w. of Patrick Speirs, d. 23 Nov. 1867, aged 79 yrs.

" Patrick, n. of Renfrewshire, Scotland,
d. 14 Jan. 1869, aged 81 yrs.

" James, d. 25 July 1887, aged 68 yrs.

Speirs, William, b. 25 May 1814 - 22 Mar. 1895

" Ann Hunter, (1st w.) Mar.1817 - May 1849

Janet Scott (2nd w.) 9 Oct. 1816 - 12 Dec. 1892

Speirs, Henry James, 16 Oct. 1856 - 10 August 1915

HARRISON'S CEM.

SPIERS, Adam,
d. 27 May, 1888, aged 72 yrs.

SPIERS, Mary, (Bleakly), d. 23 Sept. 1888, aged 68 yrs.

Spiers, Mary, dau. d. 16 Nov. 1880, aged 30 yrs.
" John, son, d. 10 Feb. 1880, aged 34 yrs.

1888
72
1816

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1888
68
1820

1880
34
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DIXON'S CEMETERY.

SPEIRS, John, d. 28 June, 1919, a. 64 yrs.

" Sarah (Cunnington) w. of William Speirs
b. 11 Mar., 1853, d. 4 Sept., 1928.

Catherine dau. of H. & L. Speirs, b. 1914, d. 1919

1919
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1855

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Block B.
BRAMPTON CEMETERY

Spiers, John Henry, d. 15 July, 1913, age 38 yrs.

1913
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1875

Laurel Hill Cemetery Bretton Cut.

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Speirs	(Peter	1836	1908
	(Margaret Hunter	1835	1925
	of dau. Edith P.	1889	1903

Speirs cont'd.	George William son of Peter Jr. Pg. 122		1905

Erin Cemetery North Line Rd. Halton County.

Speirs,

Susanna Speirs, w. of Joseph Ellenton.

d. 25 June 1910 a. 47.

Erin Cemetery, North Line Rd. - Halton County.

SPEIRS

Johnston, d. 14 June, 1874 a. 76 yrs.

" W. Janet, 30 Jan. 1849 a. 40 yrs.

" Agnes, E. d. 7 Nov. 1890, a. 28 yrs.

" Hannah J. d. 10 May, 1891. a. 22 yrs.

" Annie, d. 7 Sept. 1891 a. 24 yrs.

" Mary, d. 2 Apr. 1895 a. 38.

Erin Cemetery, North Line Rd. - Halton County.

SPEIRS

Agnes (Barbour) w. of Johnston,
d. 23 Nov. 1894 a. 70 yrs.

SPEIRS John d. 2 Sept. 1903 a. 52.

ERIN CEMETERY.

SPEIRS.

David Speirs, d. Mch. 12, 1890 a. 56 yrs.

His wife, Agnes Wilson, d. Oct. 15, 1922, a. 61 yrs.

Andrew Wilson, d. Aug. 7, 1919, a. 62 yrs.
(brother of Agnes).

David A. Speirs, d. Mch. 17, 1889 a. 10 mos.

Robt. W. Speirs d. Sept. 11, 1889 a. 3 yrs.

David W. Speirs d. May 31, 1890 a. 4 mos.

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ERIN CEMETERY.

SPEIRS.

Johnston Speirs, 1855 1909.

Agnes S. MacDonald, wife of Rennie T. Speirs.

b. 1889 d. 1930.

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St. John's Mono

Copy in cemetery folder

Jane Speers
wife of Jas. Leighton
d. 30 June 1884
age 32

This is in a plot fenced in with rods and chains.

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St. John's Mono

Copy in Cemetery file

Mary A. Speers
d. 16 Sept. 1874
age 18 yr 11 mths.

St. John's Mono

Copy in Cemetery file

Richard Speers d. 7 Mar.
1906 age 82
b. Co Armagh

Jane Duke
wife of above
d. June 18, 1907
age 74

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Caledon East Public

SPEERS, William Austin, d. 26 Oct. 1918 aged 37.

Joseph Cobean, d. 5 Nov. 1918 aged 38.

James H., d. 24 Jan. 1923 aged 27.

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In Snell's Cemetery

Thos Spears

d. June 12, 1897

age 87

rb 63305

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In Snell's Cemetery

George Speers

d. 27 Aug. 1916

age 75

In Snell's Cemetery

Martha
dau. of Thos. & Martha Speers
d. 6 Oct. 1876
age 17

Sleep on, thou loved one sleep
Sleep until thy mother come
To join thee in thy joys
In heaven above our happy home

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Old St. John's, Mono

Anne Speers wife of Thomas d. 1854 aged 74

Thos. Speers native of Armagh, d. 1848 aged 73

OLD ST. JOHN'S MONO CEMETERY

SPEERS

Jane Speers,

who died 9th Jan, 1890, age 71 yrs.

A native of ~~County~~ Fermanagh, Ireland.

Also, a tall granite stone reading:

Alexander Speers,

died March 21, 1909, age 82 yrs.

His wife Mary J.

died Jan. 29, 1916, age 85 yrs.

A small white stone, reading:

Ann Jane, Aug. 3, 1854

also

Rachel, aged 1 yr.

All the above stones are in an enclosure, of cement, about a foot high.

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St. John's Mono

Alex. Speers of Caledon
nat. of Armagh
d. 7 Apr. 1905
age 87

Copy in Cemetery file

Margaret wife of Alex.
d. 16 Oct. 1893
age 68 yrs. 11 m.

St. John's Mono

Richard son of Alex.
& Marg Speer
Caledon
d. 16 Oct. 1856
age 8 yrs. 6 m.

Copy in Cemetery file

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BETHANY

SPEERS

Robert James, d. Jan. 17, 1928 - 76 yrs.